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Japanese Given No Rest In Shantung Area

JAP. WARSHIPS
CLOSE TO
LANTAU ISLAND

Macao, To-day.

Coincident with renewed reports of the possibility of an invasion of South China by the Japanese, passengers on incoming Hong Kong-Macao steamers report Japanese men-of-war about eight miles west of Lantau.

On of these was a fairly large cruiser and another was a destroyer, of squadron No. 16, which was anchored off Lantau. Further off, towards the Ladrone Islands, five warships could be seen.

These are two destroyers and three seaplanes tenders, anchored off San Kok Island, three miles off Chung Chau Si, two of the group forming the Ladrone Islands.

Apart from naval movements, considerable activities are also observed among their seaplanes. Every day between twenty to thirty machines head for Canton and other points from the direction of Lappa, presumably on bombing excursions, and return later to their base on Sancho Island. — Our Own Correspondent.

MACAO PROMOTION

Macao, To-day.

A telegram from the Minister of the Colonies in Lisbon announces that Mr. Rafael Gastao Borges has been promoted to first Class Officer in the Public Works Department.

His numerous friends and relations in Hong Kong will no doubt associate themselves with the congratulations extended to him by his friends in Macao. — Our Own Correspondent.

SOVIET'S BERLIN
AMBASSADOR

Moscow, To-day.

M. Merekalov, assistant People's Commissar for Foreign Trade, has been appointed Ambassador to Berlin in succession to M. Yureneff, who is reported to have been arrested in Russia last November. — Reuter.

New Threat From
South Not
Viewed Seriously

Shanghai, To-day.

Although General Li Chung-jen is withholding further large-scale offensive operations for the present, the Japanese are not being permitted to rest and consistent attacks, pin-pricking, are being made along the entire South Shantung front, keeping the Japanese constantly on the move and giving them no chance to consolidate.

Reports of Japanese difficulties are pouring in hourly, but are met with wholesale denials by the Japanese authorities, whose only statement is, "The Chinese have not been able to dislodge the Japanese troops. The positions of both forces are the same as yesterday."

In spite of the new Japanese threat, trying to advance on Hsuehchowfu from the Nanking area, no concern is felt in Chinese military circles, it is learned. Fresh troops from different provinces are arriving daily in the war zone and are being despatched to West Shantung and to the Taiachwang sector.

Chinese reports state that the Chinese are capable of holding the Japanese who are pushing northwards along the southern section of the Tientsin-Pukow Line, and that re-inforcements will not be necessary to defeat the invaders.

KING LEOPOLD TO
BE GODFATHER

Amsterdam, To-day.

King Leopold of the Belgians is to stand godfather to the daughter of Crown Princess Juliana of Netherlands and Prince Bernhard when their child is christened, according to an announcement just made.

The Crown Princess and her consort asked King Leopold to accept this responsibility. The ceremony will take place on May 12, at the Hague and will be attended by King Leopold. — Trans-Ocean.

HONOURS FOR
BRITISH NAVAL
OFFICERS

Washington, To-day.

The Senate yesterday passed to the White House a Bill authorising President Roosevelt to present decorations to four British naval officers for help given in rescuing the Panay survivors.

The four officers are:

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Captain G. E. M. O'Donnell.

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and
Lt.-Comm. H. D. Barlow.

— Reuter.

SOME SHOWERS

The Royal Observatory reports that the anticyclone remains in the Pacific to the East of the Bonins; pressure is relatively low over China generally and a shallow depression covers Korea and the neighbouring seas. Forecast:—S. winds, moderate; cloudy generally, probably some showers.

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It not only adds interest to the every-day service, but it is a labour-saving device. It takes the place of several pots and pans in the kitchen and serving dishes, so it eliminates some dish washing.

The main part of the meal may be served from a plank in an attractive manner. A mixed grill of chops and vegetables is one of the delightful combinations which may be prepared on a plank, and with a lettuce salad and a simple dessert, it makes a delicious meal for the most particular guest.

FOR MEATS AND FISH

In fact, practically all the fish and meats which you ordinarily broil or bake in the oven, with little moisture, may be cooked on a plank.

Hamburg steak, plain steak, veal, ham, chops, various kinds of

fish, and chicken suggest a few possibilities.

HOW TO PREPARE

Select a plank that is grooved, so that all of the rich, savory gravy which collects may be served. Rub the plank well with fat and heat until smoking hot. Place the meat or fish on the plank and broil under the broiler or in a hot oven until the meat is brown on one side. Remove the plank from the oven and turn the meat. Arrange cooked vegetables around the meat, return to the broiling oven and complete cooking.

By the time the meat is thoroughly cooked, the potatoes will be delicately browned, and the other vegetables heated through. Garnish with sprigs of fresh greens, slices of beets, tomatoes, lemon or radishes or a combination of the two.

There are many other equally delicious combinations that may be prepared and served from the plank.

WHEN making a covered coat hanger, it is an excellent idea to add a small pocket in the centre of the hanger. This can be used for the small accessories of each individual frock.



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I Don't Believe In Hard-Boiled Women— Says Genevieve Tobin

I think the secret of the independent woman must be that she doesn't make a point of being independent, if she is successful. She doesn't flaunt her accomplishments or her ability.

She is good, but she lets the man discover it, if he chooses.

Domesticity may be considered a virtue, but I've known many women who boasted, "I can't boil water," and seemed to think that was very clever. They also found men who thought it was.

Fashions in women are nothing to worry about. Nature sees to that. The flapper of yesteryear has grown up into a fine and competent woman, now busily engaged in bringing up a new generation.

When I made my latest picture in England I was amazed at the alteration in women there.

When English people take up a sport they don't do it as we do—merely to while away time—they are always awfully good at it.

They play tennis like champions, they ski like experts, they golf amazingly well.

Their women used to feel—or so it seemed to the onlooker—that that was enough. But to-day they are becoming smarter looking, more breezy, if that's the right word—at any rate less formal and reserved.

American women who spend much time in England take on the more attractive English qualities, so it's a good thing all round.

Wrong Kind Of Attention Bad For Child's Behaviour

"Well, daddy, I don't know just what we're going to do. Barbara didn't eat her cereal again this morning. And here we have this lovely dinner and she's just playing with it."

"Daddy listens and looks at Barbara. The things he was going to tell mother about are forgotten. Mother looks at daddy significantly and both look at Barbara. Barbara listens, wide eyed to this fascinating narrative all about Barbara. And doesn't eat."

"Well, daddy, whom do you think we met to-day in the park? Janey's kindergarten teacher. She likes to walk when it's snowing and it was coming down in big flakes to-day. Did you notice? And there's going to be a school party next week."

Janey listens, wide eyed, chewing busily the while on a generous mouthful of carrots, diced, as children love them.

"Good!" says daddy, looking at his small daughter. "And I met Dickie's father in the train. They're getting a puppy next week; that's what they were building last Sunday, a run for the pup."

TWO KINDS OF IMPORTANCE

Then daddy goes on to other conversation of interest to Janey's mother, while the small daughter contentedly chews not only the "cud" of her wholesome dinner but also the interesting news of her young neighbour.

Children, like all the rest of us, want to be of importance in their home.

Barbara was of importance. But with what a difference. Barbara's was an undesirable, self-conscious importance. Her importance was gained by doing something annoying.

Janey, too, felt herself important at the dinner table, very much a part of the picture. Interest played upon her but in a quiet, constructive way. That she would eat, with perhaps a casual and occasional reminder, was taken for granted. So she did. I've seen this sort of thing happen again and again at the table.

VICTIM OF MOTHER'S SOLICITUDE

Take the case of Sally—

"When her mother's at the table meal times are a pest to all of us. Such poutings and sidelong glances to see if she's watched, and such coaxing and scolding and cajolings as go on. Conversation just doesn't exist; it gets to be a bore. I can tell you," said a grandmother while visiting the parents of small daughter Sally.

"But just let Sally's mother go away for the day and you wouldn't know the child. She's a perfect lamb. And at the table—why, after the first few side glances to see who is watching her and finding no one, she 'licks the platter clean.'"

"Sally really isn't a problem at all. She's just the victim of her mother's incessant attention and solicitude. Besides, Margaret's nervous. And, too, she lost her first baby and she hovers, emotionally, over Sally. I understand it, but it doesn't do either Margaret or Sally any good. The child is much more calm and poised and even happier when her mother isn't around. Which isn't saying that she doesn't love her devotedly!"

ANXIETY MAY BE HABIT

There really isn't any question about it. Solicitude, anxiety, and excess of attention are bad for a child and bad for his behaviour. Some of this we can't help feeling, especially if we're of a certain temperament, but we should try to reduce it all we can; certainly all of it that's uncalled for, for our own good and our child's.

You know that we function better if we're not all "tied up in knots." But even if you can't be as relaxed and carefree as you would like, you certainly can avoid showing your concern in a way that's bad for your child.

And some of it's just habit. All the excess of attention and the wrong kind of attention that children receive is not based on a justifiable anxiety. We parents get into bad habits just as our children do. We can easily slip into the bad habit of showing solicitude over everything our child does that we feel her health hinges on; not only her food but all the routines, and especially the eating ones.

So try this new approach. Take for granted that your small daughter will eat, and then talk about something else. Take for granted that your small son will get ready for bed at bed time and then make that performance of undressing and bathing and tucking in just as cozy and friendly and generally pleasant as possible. Try it! It will be fun and you'll be surprised at how easy success with a small child can be.



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CHINA PLACED
AT HIGH FIGURE**

New York, To-day.

Direct loss sustained by the United States in the first ten months of the Sino-Japanese hostilities, is estimated at over \$150,000,000 by the export managers' club.

Contingent and potential loss, it is stated, will be far greater.

The estimate is based on damage to American property, injury to American trade and depreciation of American investments in the Far East.—Reuter.

**AMAH'S THEFT
FROM EMPLOYER**

Chaw Kam, a domestic servant, was this morning sentenced to three months' imprisonment by Mr. H. R. Butters at the Central Magistracy, when charged with the theft of \$500.

Sergeant McVey said defendant had been employed by complainant for eight years. She had been given a month's notice as another amah had been engaged and last Friday took the money and absconded. She was arrested on Monday and taken to Shamshuipo but on the way she jumped into the harbour from the ferry but was rescued.

**DROWNING OF
STUDENT FEARED**

A bathing expedition by students and teachers from Wah Yan College was marred yesterday by the disappearance while at South Bay beach of one of their number.

The name of the missing youth is Lo Piu-wah, aged 17, and as he was a poor swimmer, it is feared that he got into difficulties unobserved and was drowned.

LINE CLOSED

Canton, To-day.

The Canton-Hankow Line, is still closed to traffic as the line which was badly damaged during an air-raid three days ago has not yet been completely repaired.—Our Own Correspondent.

**GERMAN DIPLOMAT
PASSING THROUGH**

The German Ambassador in Tokyo, Mr. E. Ott, is arriving in Hong Kong next Thursday in the "Felix Roussel" on his way to Europe. Mr. Ott is planning to make the trip from Hong Kong by air and will be flying, via Imperial Airways, leaving on Friday next.

On Thursday evening, His Excellency will dine privately with H.E. the Governor at Government House.

**JOAN OF ARC
GUN SALUTES**

The Naval authorities notify that on Sunday, on the occasion of the French Joan of Arc celebrations, all His Majesty's ships in midstream will fire a salute of 21 guns at 12 noon and at 6 p.m. (Sunset). All H.M. ships other than those undergoing refit in H.M. Dockyard and elsewhere, will be dressed overall from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., but will not be illuminated at night.

**M-G-M MANAGER
TO WED**

The forthcoming wedding of Mr. Berry Greenberg, junior, local manager of Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer, residing at No. 218, Pokfulam (House 2), and Miss Leonora Clara Wohlgenuth was announced this morning.

LOCAL DOLLAR

The demand rate on the Hong Kong dollar this morning was 1/2-27/32.

"Spot" silver was quoted in London yesterday at 18-5/8 and forward at 18-7/16.

The London on New York rate was quoted at £—U.S.\$4.987 and the New York on London rate at £—U.S.\$4.994.

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Messrs. H. B. Joseph and Co., have received the following quotations in Straits Currency for Raw Rubber:

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OUT TO BALLYDOUIE

WHAT amuses me about you city folk is the fuss you make over a wee bit ghost. The boys from the papers go down and photograph the outside of the house and, as like as not, the lady herself shows you where she heard the rappings.

Maybe she gets an offer to talk on the air or to write an article for a paper; and isn't it true that you have a society of bearded men to inquire into ghostly phenom . . . phenom . . . anyway, whatever it may be called.

And they grandfathers, too, with, you'd think, plenty on their hands.

So let me tell you about a ghost I handled and bested, alone, without help, and by myself. And it all part of the day's work, too.

It was out beyond Ballydouie, with the mountains on one hand, the sea on the other, and the big bog stretching by the third. There was the wee bit village with, in the centre, the Laird's Bonnet.

Danny MacIlrae it was kept the Laird's Bonnet. He was from out my way, too. You could always tell a MacIlrae, I'd say. There was still boys out there in County Down the dead spit of Danny, and when I met one I'd always have a drink with 'um.

And so when I passed the Laird's Bonnet I'd always look in and have a drink with the granfer. He'd a still in the hills the Excise men didn't know about, for all that they'd poke their nose everywhere. And 'twas that spirit . . . like distilled paradise . . . would pass between us. He'd drink with no man, Danny wouldn't, not worthy of the honour.

'Twas perhaps a month or so after he'd taken the still over from the widow of Mickie Ross, that stumbled over the rails up by the junction and was kilt by the junction and was kilt by the train, that Danny says to me quiet-like: "This place is haunted."

"Speak low, man," I says, looking round.

"Would I be lying to you?" he asks.

Three men were in the bar, and they talked of a fourth, a friend of us all, who'd mistaken a cow in the dark for the devil himself, and who, running away like a sensible man would, had broken his kneecap against a gate.

"'Tis strange," Danny whispered to me, "but the night he did it there was a stranger come who sat talking to him. Over there 'twas," and Danny pointed to the settle by the stove.

"And ye'd have me think . . ." I started to say, with indignation, for the whole of 'Terry, who'd met the misfortune, amounted to nothing of importance, so that I could not rightly see why the authorities of the nether world should pester themselves on account of his kneecap, and that but a little thing in any man—"Ye'd have me think . . ."

"Whist, man," Danny growled, and slithered his eye over to the corner. I lookit, and there sat a stranger in the shadows. He wore the clothes of a man of the hills and, seeming to like his own company, he sat there, not drawing attention down upon himself,

"Ye mind when young O'Hara stumbled down the mine shaft the night he drank with us?" Danny asked.

"I do too," I said.

"There was a stranger come that night, too."

I emptied my glass.

"And ye mind when Paddy pulled the bedclothes over the lamp the night we three had the argument and burnt the clothes off his back and, but for the grace of God and his wife's mother, would have had to go nakid?"

"I mind that, too," I said, quiet-like now.

"That same night a man come in. A stranger."

"And ye'd have me think that a stranger comes when . . ."

Danny nodded his head with gravity. "When misfortune is about to fall on any one of us," he said.

"Was it the same man?" I asked.

"No," says he, "for then we could warn the boys."

I had no taste for more liquor that night, though I could see that Danny could not comfortably and with dignity hold more. But he managed to call out with a fine air to the stranger, where he was from and who.

drink. Not really drink. And 'twas child's play to go to the Laird's Bonnet. But the first night he was free to indulge he cocked his haid over his shoulder at me, at the same time that he winks an eye, and handed up something that was hidden below the counter and which I rightly knew to be the distilled paradise from out of the concealed still in the hills.

So I had it, and when the glass was empty I had another. Danny is no cheeseparer for numbers, and soon I sat down, smiling to myself, and trying to remember the words of a song I sang when a bairn.

"Ha'e a drink," says a voice beside me, and I look and see a stranger sitting there. And I ha'e one. Two. "Your're not . . . you're not a stranger?" says I, feeling uncomfortable, and he grins and says "Sure not. It's many the time I've been here."

"You'll be one of the new boys working over on the slding," I say, and he replies, "Sure, I'm that man."

But I look at him when his thoughts are away, and I see that he is not the fellow who called the night Danny bumped his haid. This fellow has bushy eyebrows and a small pointed beard. It

Short Story -:- By Prudence O'Shea

And when the stranger replied. "Then you'll be one of the So-and-So's," says Danny, and I knew he crossed himself with a wee bit relief, " . . . out of So-and-So." "Ay so," the other answered, and took the pint of biters he had called for. Which settled it in my mind that though he was a stranger he was no emissary from hell as Danny would have me believe. And I went home feeling less frit.

But what do you know? I was at the wee bit work the next day when I heard that Danny had split open his great haid going to bed; forgetting to duck where the landing comes low under the attic. I called to see him and I sat by his bed.

"Ye mind the stranger?" he whispers, trying to open his eyes and look at me, but closing them plenty quick because of the great pain.

"I do," I say solemn.

I thought for a bit and then said: "Are ye sure, Danny man, that 'twas not the same fellow?" But Danny replies that once . . . and he remembered fine . . . the fellow was clean-shaven; once he had a dark moustache and once again he had a beard. Another time, he minded well; there was a foreign look to him with his hair coming low down his temples and very black.

"'Tis not playing the game av Providence," says I, "to change the appearance of the Herald of Misfortune, 'Tis not cricket."

For a week or two after Danny returned to the bar he could not

made me want to laugh, for he looked for all the world like the little fellows that strut on the stage in the big cities, playing a part and wearing clothes to suit.

Presently Danny was saying that it was time, and I got up to go. The stranger had already left, though I could not remember just when. I mind well the sharp air on my face and how dark was the night.

But I knew the path like I knew my hand, and I started off, singing as I went. Presently I reached the bog which starts, if you know Ballydouie, a bit beyond the churchyard.

Suddenly in the darkness I feel a chap coming up near me, and when he is near enough to see me and I him, he asks courteously: "Will ye be good enough to direct me to the churchyard?"

"Bedang!" I think. "That's a funny place to want on a night like this." For in Ballydouie we hurry past the churchyard on dark nights. But I peer at him as I answer, and I see that he is the man with the eye-brows and beard. That very man.

And what is more I see that one of the eyebrows has slipped upwards where he has stumbled into a bush.

"Ah!" I thought, and what should happen at that moment, but that the stranger sort of stumbles towards me and I topple over into the bog.

He sees me fall, but gives no helping hand, and as he disappears into the

night I struggle to get free. There's a blackthorn near, and I pull myself out, not much the worse save that me clothes is all spilt.

But no one, ghost or no ghost, is going to do that to Michael Shay, and I make off in the direction I see him take, and luck is with me, for just when I may be lost in the dark the moon comes sailing out from behind a cloud, and there he is, the spalpeen, the carrion of Hades, running for the churchyard!

He hears my steps and looks over his shoulder, hurrying faster than ever, but I'm after him. The drink has made me fighting mad, and he knows it.

A leap he takes over the low wall where the gravestones start, all bending with age, and grey, and behind a little tree, where he thinks I can't see him, he starts pulling off his beard and eyebrows, giving a great "ouch" of pain—for those things hurt if they are stuck on well—and dropping them, and fumbling in his haste and fear of Michael Shay.

I'm over the wall just as he's finished, and a poor wee devil of a no-good he is, with his scared bald face and pale eyes staring out of his haid. As white as a ghost he is, which is but natural.

When he sees me he starts to tremble so much he drops his eyebrows and beard and has no time to pick them up. Then he looks round—all the spunk gone out of him—and with a long wail he takes a jump on to a tombstone covered with ivy, and without so much as rustling a leaf he sinks down and disappears into the earth.

But am I skeart? I am not! I stand there after picking up the beard and the eyebrows and I turn them over in my hand, laughing to myself. Presently a thin voice trails out:

"Mister, gimme me beard and me brows."

"I will not!" I say, and laugh some more.

"Gimme them, mister," he pleads, and though I cannot see him his voice comes up clear from under the tombstone.

"You done enough mischief," I say.

He denies that, of course, and I respect him for ut. I'd deny having done mischief myself. Presently he starts blabbing about never having no fun; having no friends; nothing ever happening to him.

"For why?" I shout. "Because ye're no man. Ye'll no fight, so how can ye expect to ha'e friends?"

At that he says that we can't help how we're made.

"For why do ye want to go breaking chaps' kneecaps?" I ask. "And splitting the hails of fine fellows like Danny MacIlrae?"

And he replies that he didn't do it—that he only happened to be there.

"Then why do ye wear a disguise?" And I start pulling the hairs out av the beard, but the cry he lets up is enough to melt your heart, and I stop doing it.

Well, it seems that, having no initiative, he doesn't like going to

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German maidens dancing on German National Day, which was celebrated at the German Tennis Club in King's Park last Saturday.



L. Guy, the K.B.G.C. Skip, and J. Deakin, the C.S.C.C. Skip, snapped during the match between the two clubs at Austin Road last Saturday. ("Mail" photo).



Members of the German community sitting down to tea at the children's party last Sunday. ("Mail" photo).



Another photo taken during the Bowls match between the K.B.G.C. and the C.S.C.C. ("Mail" photo).



His Excellency the Governor, Sir Geoffrey Northcote, Mr. Bill Muir, Chairman of the Baseball Association and Major Duclos, Canadian Trade Commissioner, at the baseball game between the U.S.S. Mindanao and the Chinese Baseball Club. (Amateur Photographer).

CABBAGES AND KINGS

SALAD DAYS

[At an International Beauty Show in New York there has just been displayed a "Vitamin F coiffure," which was created "by entwining into the blonde hair of a model radishes, carrots, kidney beans, and onions."]

The carrots in my lady's hair
Lend her distinction rich and rare.

The radishes, as therein placed,
Are also in the best of taste.
Nor should one miss by any means

The chaplet coy of kidney beans,
While onions lurk within the whole

And animate her startling poll.
And yet, and yet, the scheme seems narrow;

Where is the monumental marrow?

Surely that herb of massive grace

Deserves its own appointed place?

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Are other most deserving herbs?

Where can the gallant garlic be?

The parsley, parsnip, and the pea?

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And why omit the artichoke?

Why should the beet in exile bleed?

Where is the turnip and the swede?

Why should tomatoes not be seen?

And what about the *chic* French bean?

Surely if ladies now must wear
A kitchen garden in their hair,

It ought to show all shapes and sizes,

And not just one or two surprises.

The vitamin effect will flop
Without a whole greengrocer's shop;

It leaves our shaken nerves on edge

To see just one or two poor veg.

That holds the fashion up to scorn;

If tresses must be this way worn

Let the whole head emerge withal

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More Howlers

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"Bathos!" (short for "bathe those") was the war cry for the Knights of the Bath when they attacked the peasants."

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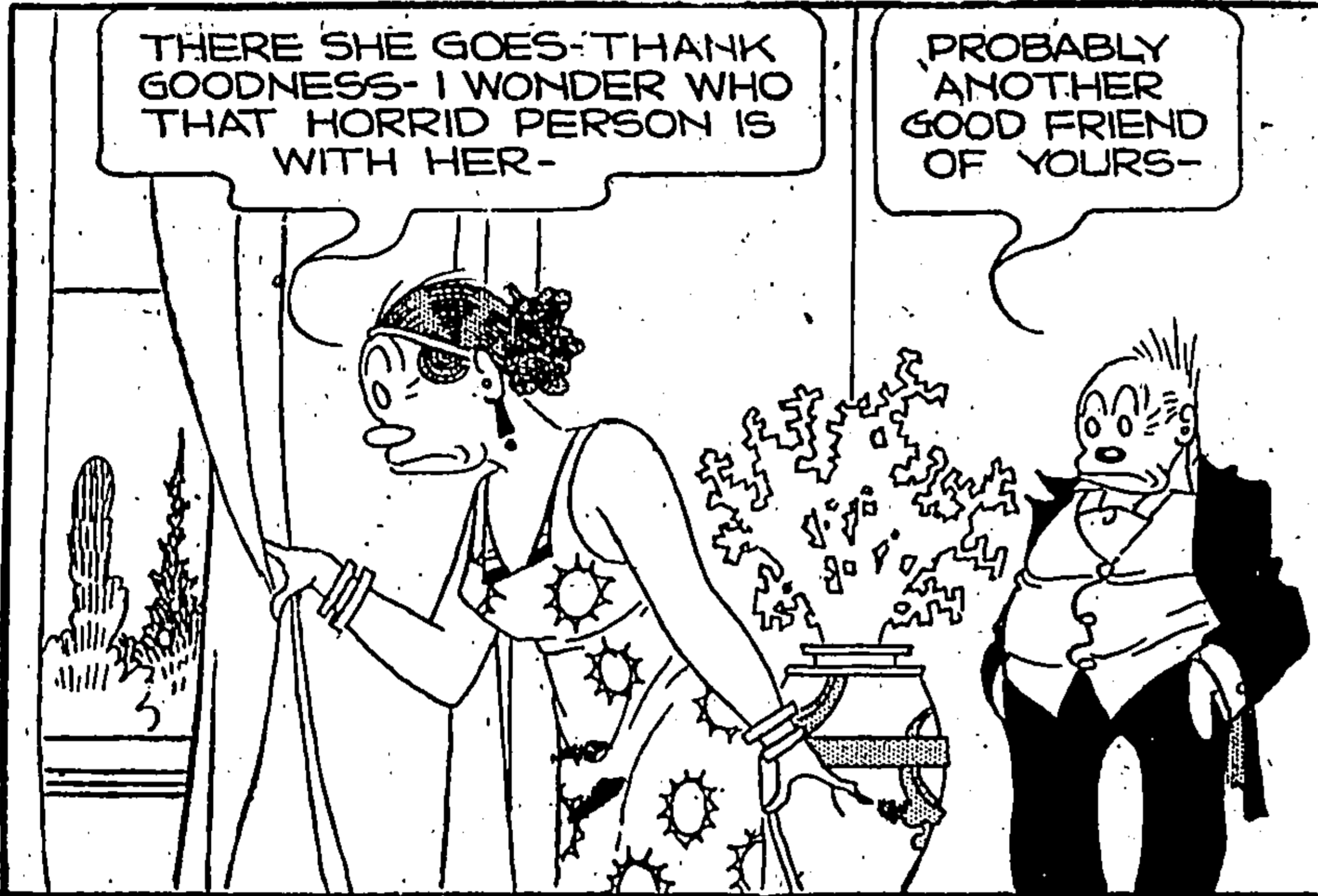
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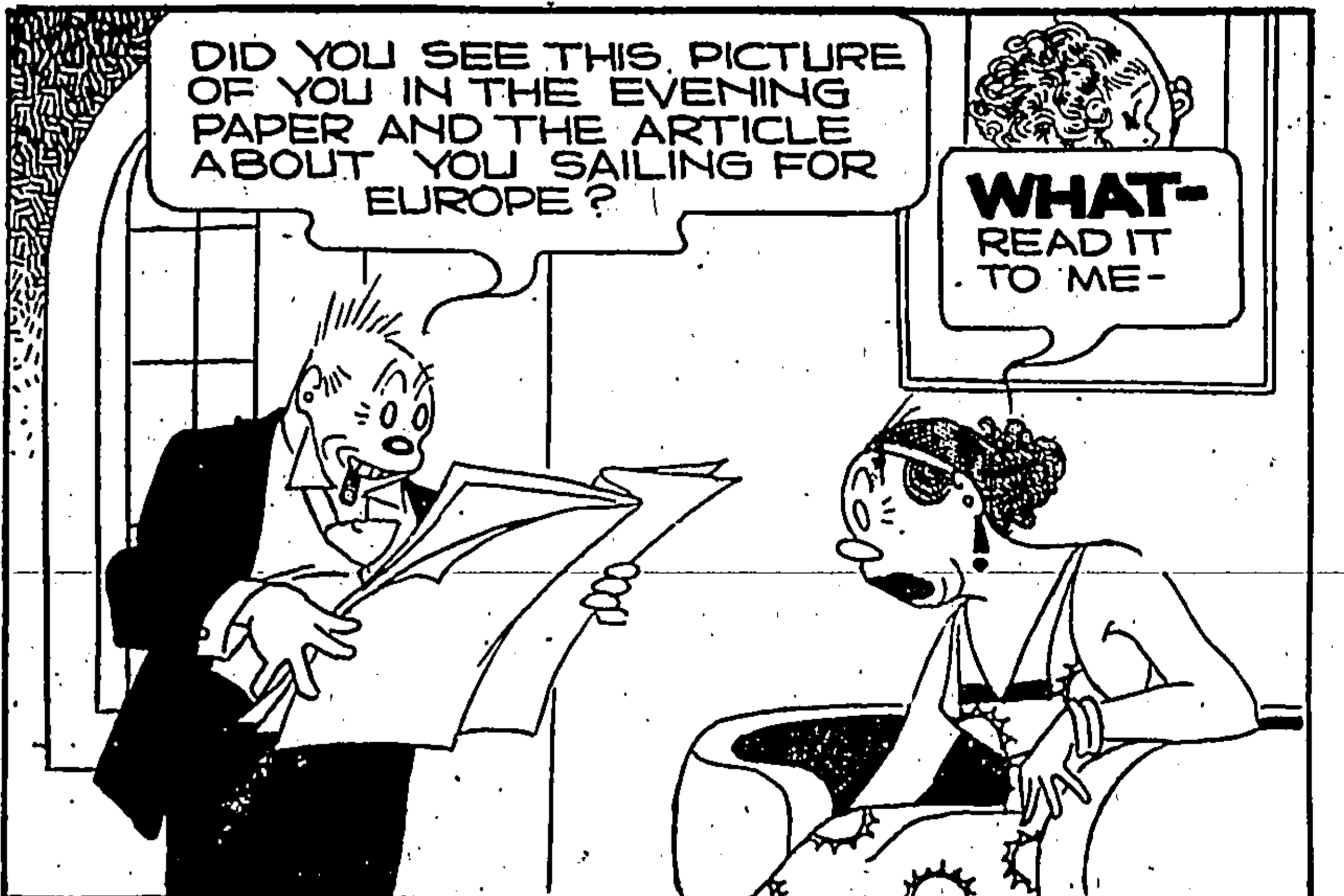
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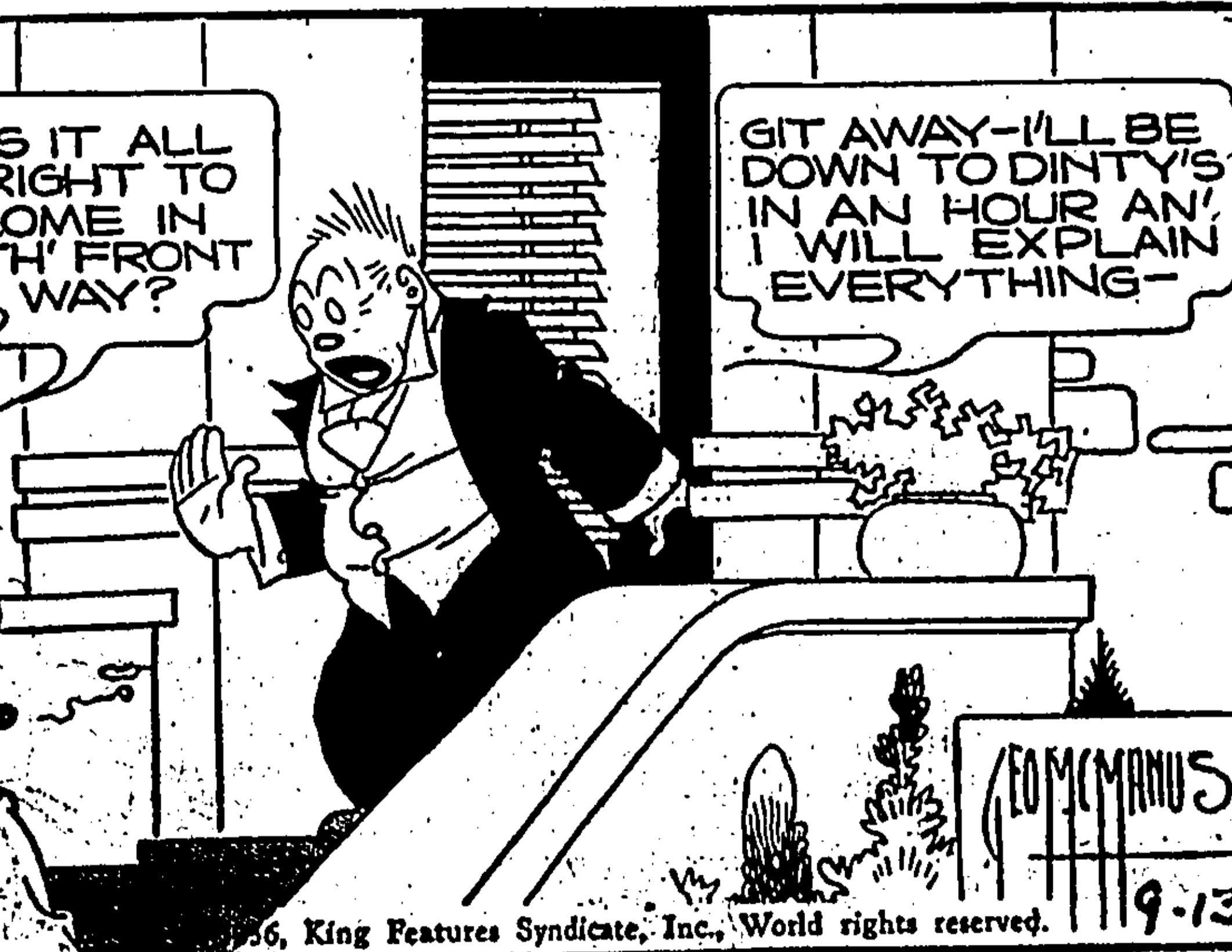
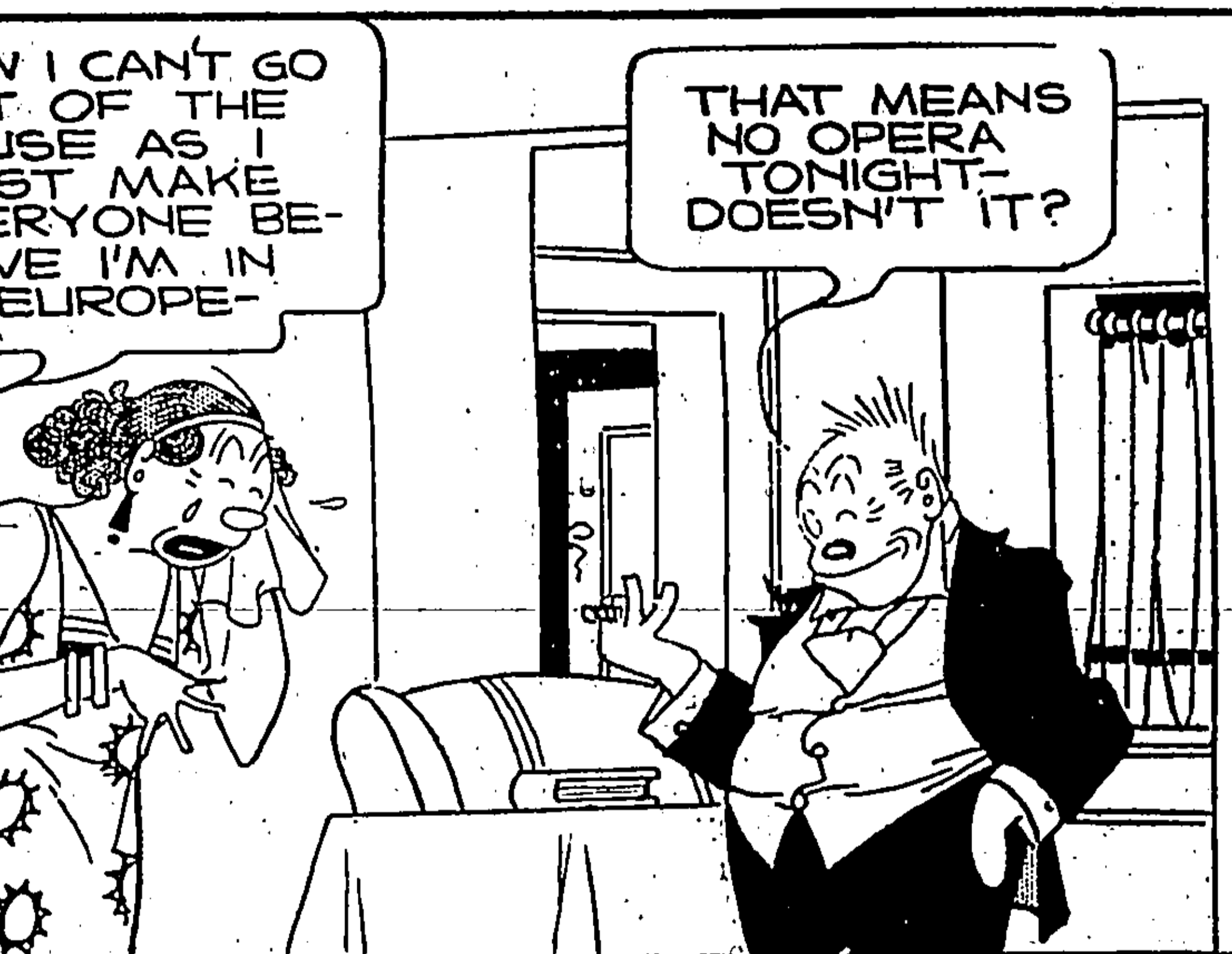
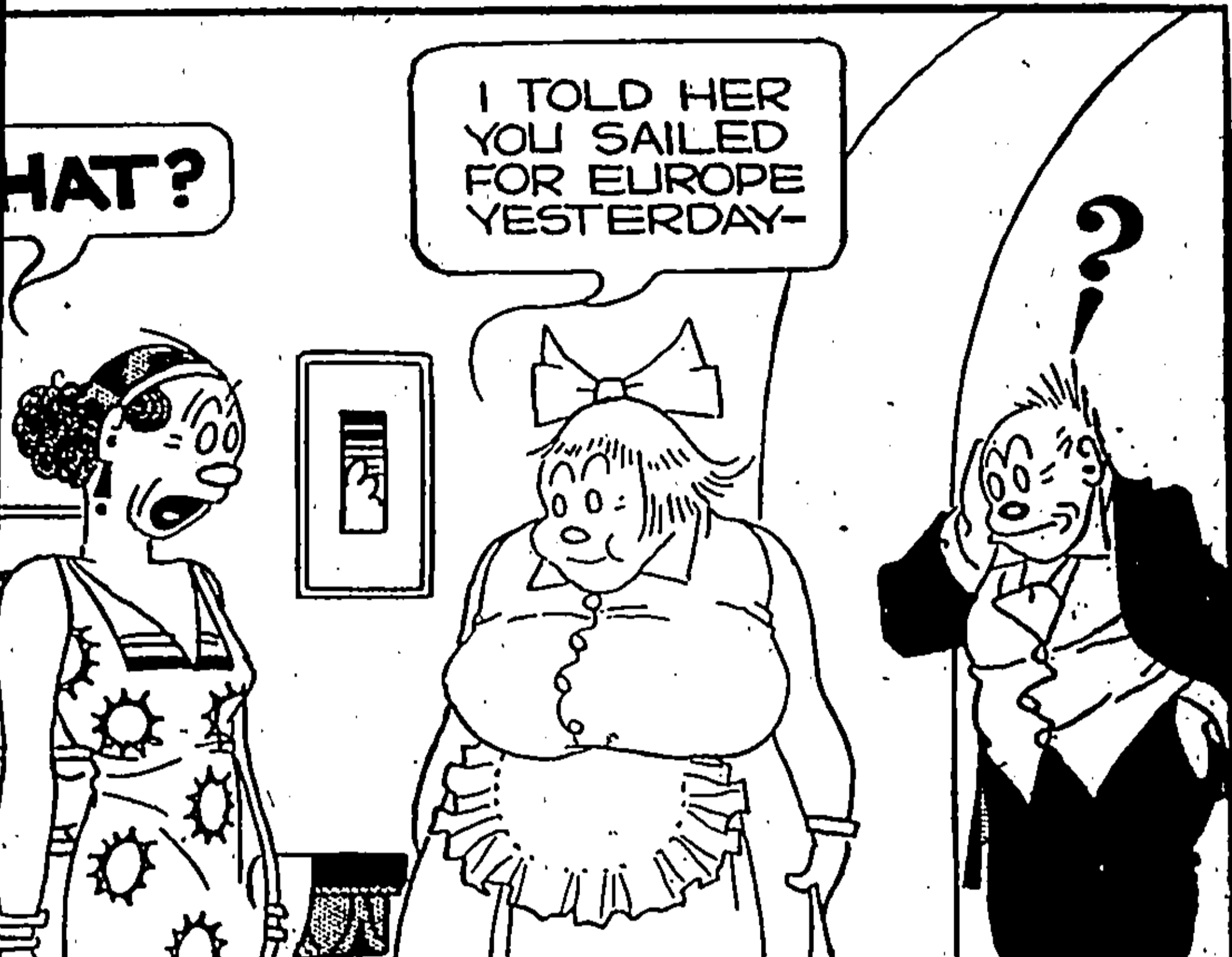


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Which Rule Britannia?

THE London Observer is a weekly journal in the form of a Sunday newspaper which, in its time, has wielded great influence. Its editor, Mr. J. L. Garvin, one of the most brilliant and forceful of British publicists, has lately thundered in favour of Fascism and National Socialism, ridiculed Ethiopia and the Spanish Government, and encouraged Adolf Hitler to annex Austria and smash Czechoslovakia.

Unlike most of my friends and acquaintances I still read what Mr. Garvin writes. He makes me think, though I feel that he has "gone all wrong." The other day

—BY—
WICKHAM STEED

(in the Christian Science Monitor)

he challenged British supporters of the League of Nations ideal to say whether they would be ready to go to war "for Austria and Czechoslovakia." Yes or No? he went on. "To these test questions the answer of the British people is 'No,' and if the Opposition stand for the contrary they will be crushed at the polls. 'Because we are not geese,' as Palmerston said."

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Palmerston sometimes cackled like a goose—as when he promptly approved of Louis Napoleon's

(Top left).—Two darkie maidens in a lifebuoy during their visit to H.M.S. Vindictive at Tortola, Virgin Islands, in the West Indies.

Time stands still in Egypt. They are repairing the Temple of Deir-El-Bahari (Thebes) and great pieces of stone needed for the repairs are hauled along the roads just as they were in the ancient days when the pyramids were built. (Copyright).

betrayal of the French Republic in December, 1851—and was dismissed from office. And Mr. Garvin seems to me not much wiser when he puts the question whether the British people would be ready to go to war "for Austria and Czechoslovakia." This is not the true question. At one or two removes the true question may be whether the British people would or would not fight for the freedom of Europe, including their own.

On the morrow of Mr. Garvin's challenge Herr Hitler told Sir Neville Henderson, British Ambassador in Berlin, that Germany will listen to no talk from England unless it conveys an offer of colonies, and that the muzzling of the British press is a condition of Anglo-German friendship. I hear that neither Mr. Neville Chamberlain, British Prime Minister, nor the new Foreign Secretary, Lord Halifax, was particularly edified by the ambassadorial report upon this beginning of the Anglo-German "conversations."

One result has been a noticeable stiffening in the tone of British ministerial utterances and of ministerial organs. The Prime Minister took occasion to tell the House of Commons that "for the preservation of democracy, which means the preservation of our liberty, I would fight myself, and I believe that the people of this country would fight."

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Now it is quite true that if our people were asked whether they are ready to "fight for Czechoslovakia," they would, as Mr. Garvin puts it, say "No." If they were asked whether they think British freedom would be safe if Hitlerite Germany should smash Czechoslovakia and dominate Yugoslavia, Hungary and Rumania, so that German rule would extend throughout Europe from Hamburg to the Black Sea, they would also say "No." If they were asked further whether they think British policy would support the freedom and independence of the countries which lie between National Socialist Germany and the Black Sea, they would answer "Yes." As they are not geese they know that while freedom begins at home it may need to be defended elsewhere than at home.

Since Mr. Anthony Eden and Lord Cranborne resigned or were driven from the British Foreign Office they and their ideas have grown more influential than they were before. "Eden out" is stronger than "Eden in." When in office he seems to have told his colleagues that if they went blindly in certain directions they would run their noses against a brick wall. They have done so; and the evidence of their noses is beginning to convince them that in certain directions there is a brick wall. This method of ascertainment is what sturdy Englishmen call "the rule of thumb." I am inclined to call it "the rule of nose."

AHA!

At a public dinner a speaker spoke for half an hour and looked like going on for another 30 minutes.

A guest turned to a woman near him and remarked: "Can nothing be done to shut this man up?"

"Well," responded the other cheerfully and frankly, "I've tried for 15 years!"



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Out To Ballydouie

(Continued from Page 1)

strange places. He likes the friendly atmosphere, too, of the Laird's Bonnet. And well he might! Now and then, it seems, those chaps have a night off, and when they leave the churchyard they become visible.

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But he told me a strange thing happened to him in life. Wherever he was there were accidents! If he sat in the kitchen sure thing the broth would boil over, and if he visited friends they'd lose a sheep or the children get some sickness. And he thought, and rightly, that if he showed up too often without his disguise at the Laird's Bonnet and there were troubles he'd be told to clear off.

He told me that often and often he'd sit moping there in his own home when the others had their nights off, and the next day he'd have to listen to their adventures. And it made him bitter.

One day, he said, he strayed into the parish hall when they were giving some show, and seeing the beard, eyebrows and moustaches in one of the dressing-rooms he'd had the idea of stealing them so that he would always be welcome wherever he went, and also that he could tell the chaps the next day of all the smart things he'd done under his disguise.

And that reminded me of the indignity he'd put upon Michael Shay by pushing me into the bog. Well he knew what I was thinking about, for he suddenly promised he wouldn't say a word about it to them.

"Promise!" I cried. For I didn't want to be met with shouts of derision when the time came for me to join them. And he took a solemn oath.

Well, I wish harm to no man, and so asked him the hiding-place of the beard and brows, and as he directed me to a hollow-trunked tree near by, I put them



Snapped at the children's party at the German Tennis Club last Sunday. ("Mail" photo).

inside and covered them with moss. The moustaches were already there. While I did it his voice came up tremulous and grateful from the tomb.

"But, remember," I said, "no more visits to the Laird's Bonnet. The first time I see you hanging about I'll come and get your whiskers and burn them."

* * *

He promised, asking me if I knew another good place where he could spend his evenings, and I told him of the spot kept by a man, six miles or so away, who owes me money. Just then the church clock struck midnight, and in the middle of a sentence his voice died away.

So there you are, and it's no nonsense Michael Shay is taking from any man. I hurried the next day to tell Danny of the stranger that'd pushed me in the bog, but the police had taken him, closed the Laird's Bonnet and smashed up the still. In that they showed their pretty spite and their absence of appreciation for the good things of life. But 'twas no use telling them that.

When Danny came out he went to live with his brother and sister-in-law way out to Cork. Funny that since they smashed that still no one . . . not even at the place where the landlord owes me money . . . has ever seen the stranger. I lookit once, but he'd taken his whiskers away too.



An action picture from the baseball game between the U.S. Mindanao and the Chinese Baseball Club. (Amateur Photographer).

A FITTING PUNISHMENT

Santa Ana, Calif.—City Judge J. G. Mitchell has devised a new method for Santa Ana to make the "punishment fit the crime."

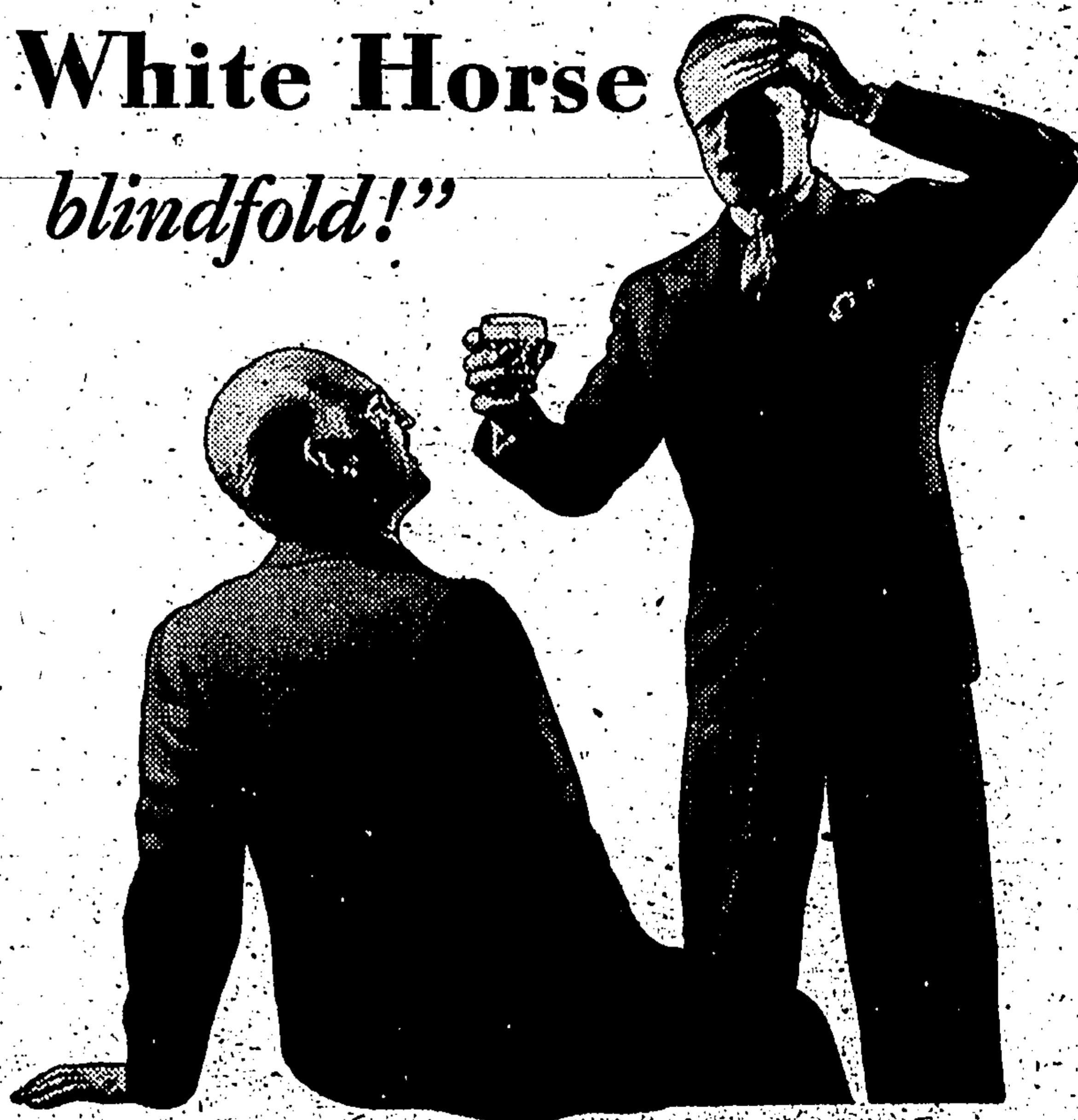
Recently Judge Mitchell sentenced a motorist to pay \$150 for a traffic law violation. The ac-

cused admitted the violation, but pleaded that he was busy while a friend of his, who owed him some money, was not.

"Let my friend work out my fine," pleaded the motorist.

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Danger In Pushing Democracies Too Far

Washington, To-day.

"I warn Germany, Japan and Italy that if the dictatorships push the democratic nations too far, the result will be war," declared the Secretary for War, Mr. Woodring, in a speech yesterday. The Japanese occupation of Manchuria without effective opposition from the democratic powers, he declared, started the chain of events like Germany's rearmament, the occupation of the Rhineland, the Abyssinian and Spanish wars and the Japanese invasion of China.

The democracies were now pacifistic, but if pressed too far, a wave of indignation might sweep over them, making it difficult to keep the peace.

It was essential to halt this continued aggression before it got out of hand.

Mr. Woodring did not believe there was any danger of a general war, but the world situation was such that the United States must build up her defence, because "whenever a foreign war impends, our own peace is less secure."—Reuter.

NEW BRITISH NAVAL BASE

London, To-day.

A new British naval base is to be established at Kathiawar in the State of Jonagadh, north of Bombay, and is already under discussion in Bombay's newspapers.—Trans-Ocean.

PREMIER'S TRIBUTE TO DE VALERA

London, To-day.

Mr. Chamberlain concluded his Commons speech on the Anglo-Eire Agreement with a warm tribute to Mr. De Valera and his colleagues, for their sincerity and accommodation, and commended the agreement to the House in a passage in which he recalled his father's association with the Irish question and in which he declared: "In spite of all the controversies of the past and all the heat which has been generated, this country and Eire cannot do without one another. Our natural interests and our geographical position inevitably tend to bring us together. What has kept us apart has been, not a divergence of interest, but something which ought to be far less important—a differ-

LORD MAYOR'S FUND DONATION

Hankow, To-day.

Upon the recommendation of the British Ambassador, the Hankow Chapter of the London Lord Mayor's Fund has donated \$10,000 to the National Red Cross Society of China.

The money is being spent by the medical commission on first aid for wounded Chinese soldiers.—Reuter.

COCOA TRADE

Port of Spain (Trinidad), To-day.

The Chamber of Commerce yesterday passed a resolution that the British Government be asked to call a conference of cocoa producing countries in London to discuss the question of the cocoa trade, in view of the uneconomic state of the cocoa industry at present.—Reuter.

ence of opinion. I hope that difference of opinion is now at an end."—British Wireless.

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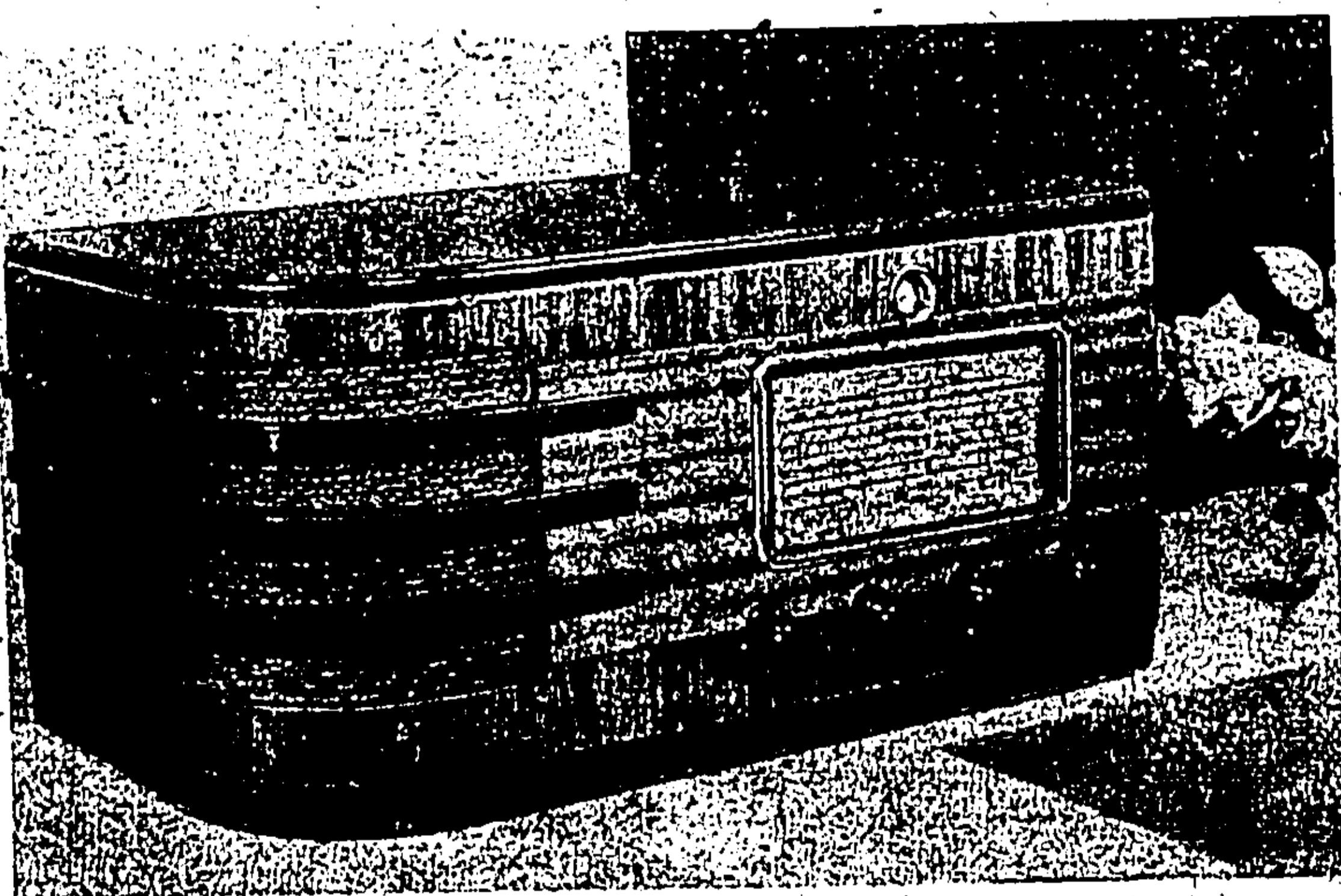
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FRENCH CAPITAL BEING REPATRIATED

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Likewise, it is stated in some quarters, the preceding declaration made by M. Daladier in his broadcast address on Wednesday, that the rate of exchange of the franc in relation to the pound sterling could only change in favour of the franc, so profoundly impressed many Frenchmen that they converted their foreign currencies into French francs at once because they too hold the opinion that the sterling rate is now at its peak.

DOUBLE SUCCESS

French finance circles state that yesterday forenoon over three milliards of French francs were paid into the French treasury. That means a double success for the French Government.

On one hand, the developments increase the holding of foreign exchange at the Treasury and on the other hand capital returning to the French market will have direct influence in revitalising all economic affairs.

The return of confidence in the stability of the franc was shown above all by the increased demand for French State rentes yesterday while other fixed interest securities also advanced in price. The devaluation of the franc and the increase of the taxation were greeted with great optimism by the afternoon press and described as decisive measures on the part of M. Daladier to put French finance and French economic affairs on a sound basis.

WARNING VOICE

Nevertheless, as "L'Intransigeant" points out, the problem of the stability of the franc cannot be considered apart from other matters and solved simply because

of Government decree. On the contrary, a catastrophe could not be avoided unless the French people succeed in united effort to increase production.

Rehabilitation of economic life did not depend on the repatriation of milliards of francs and the return to circulation of gold hoarded by the people, but rather, first and foremost, upon acceleration of the rate of production of useful commodities and by avoidance of legislation hindering the productive employment of labour. — Trans-Ocean.

FRENCH SHIP BOMBED AT VALENCIA

Madrid, To-day.

A French steamer is reported to have been set on fire when Valencia was bombed by insurgent aircraft yesterday. The vessel was later towed out of the danger zone.

Fifteen were killed and 35 wounded, while twenty houses were destroyed, in the course of a second raid. — Reuter.

Mr. W. A. Cornell, — of No. 549, The Peak, has reported the loss of clothing to the value of \$57 from his car while it was parked near the Hong Kong and Shanghai Bank yesterday.

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MR. WINSTON CHURCHILL ATTACKS ANGLO-EIRE PACT

Debate On Agreement In House Of Commons Partition Question Laid Aside At Outset

London, To-day.

Moving the second reading of the Eire (Confirmation of Agreement) Bill in the House of Commons yesterday, the Prime Minister paid a tribute to Mr. Malcolm Macdonald, the Dominions Secretary, for his inexhaustible patience and sympathy in connection with the negotiations.

The four questions which were reviewed at the Anglo-Irish meetings, declared Mr. Chamberlain, were partition, defence, finance and trade.

"The partition question was laid aside when we made it perfectly plain that it was a matter which must be discussed between the Northern and Southern Ireland Governments, and that we could not even think of putting pressure on North Ireland to come to an arrangement which did not commend itself to them.

"The trade agreement might be considered equally beneficial to both parties, and we believe that the coal mining industry, in particular, will welcome the advantages to be expected therefrom.

"In fact, it is the defence and finance agreements which do not constitute good agreements for Britain, because they make the largest and most impressive concessions to Eire without superficially corresponding advantages.

LOOK OUTSIDE

"One must look outside the agreements for the intangible, imponderable but none the less invaluable fruits which, on various occasions in the past, have rewarded an unselfish act of generosity by a great and powerful country towards a weaker and poorer state."

Excluding Eire's annual payment of £250,000 in respect of damage to property, British claims amount, capitalised, to over £100,000,000.

Eire has not admitted the claim, but nevertheless we have been receiving over £4,000,000 a year from the special duties.

All financial claims are being withdrawn in return for £10,000,000.

COMPROMISE INEVITABLE

"Nobody could deny that this was generous treatment but if ever the dispute was to be ended, some compromise was inevitable.

"Further, we should recollect that we are not dealing with a foreign country but with a partner in the Empire, and therefore are on terms of partnership, not competition."

Mr. Chamberlain said that no part of the discussions gave more prolonged and more anxious thought than the subject of defence, and the request was made to hand back full and unrestricted possession of certain ports, and repeal of certain Articles in the 1921 Treaty, which gave us rights in those ports.

PAPER RIGHTS

"After very careful consideration of all the circumstances and due consideration by the Chief of Staff, we came to the conclusion that a friendly Ireland was worth far more to us, both in peace and war, than the paper rights under the

1921 Treaty, which could only be exercised at the risk of maintaining, and perhaps increasing, the old illwill."

Mr. Chamberlain recalled Mr. de Valera's statement that Eire would not permit Irish territory to be used by any foreign power for an attack on the United Kingdom, and would put those ports into a proper state of defence.

NORTH IRELAND

Referring to the Northern Ireland representations that some provisions of the Anglo-Eire Agreements might materially affect Ulster's economic interests, the Government had been able to meet to a very considerable degree the suggestions made to us.

Mr. Chamberlain concluded by exhorting the House to bear in mind that conclusion of the Agreement had obtained the warm approval, not only of many in this country, but in others, in the Dominions and the United States, and indeed everywhere.

After the Prime Minister had replied to questions by Sir D. Reid (Conservative, Down) and Mr. Winston Churchill, and had given the assurance that there was no secret understanding behind the Agreement, Mr. Churchill spoke.

MR. CHURCHILL'S CRITICISM

Mr. Churchill declared that the Agreement seemed to have given everything away in return for the payment of £10,000,000.

It did not end the Anglo-Irish quarrel, because Mr. de Valera had said he would never rest until partition was swept away.

Mr. Churchill recalled the anti-British activities of the "dark forces of the Irish underworld" in wartime, and said that the Anglo-Irish Treaty of 1921, of which he was one of the few remaining signatories, had been repudiated and violated in every detail by Mr. de Valera.

When the Treaty of 1921 was being drafted, the Admiralty advised him that without the use of Irish ports, it would be very difficult, and perhaps impossible, to feed the British Isles in wartime.

POSTPONEMENT SUGGESTED

He was not going to argue that

the ports might fall into enemy hands, but there was danger that Ireland might be neutral in wartime, or Mr. de Valera might say he would make common cause with us if we gave him the whole of Ireland.

Mr. Churchill suggested the Bill might be postponed pending further arrangements about the treaty ports and common defence action — Reuter.

RECONCILIATION

Mr. Malcolm Macdonald, Dominions Secretary, replying to the debate, said it was the faith of the Government that by the exercise of that same tolerance and encouragement, and the same mutual respect and trust as had achieved reconciliation between the French and British in Canada and the Dutch and British in South Africa, that another miracle of reconciliation could be achieved between the Irish and British.

Referring to the financial agreement, he said the Government confidently expected the balance sheet would not be simply a financial balance sheet.

If we could receive from the Government of Eire also, friendship instead of hostility, confidence instead of distrust, co-operation instead of opposition, then he believed, the giver would be twice blessed.

IRISH RESENTMENT

Mr. Macdonald emphasised Irish resentment at the occupation of Irish ports, and said the Government, with its naval and military advisers, had deliberately come to the conclusion that the security of Great Britain would be greater under the evacuation of these ports.

He concluded by saying that the agreement put Irish freedom beyond the shadow of a doubt and with the removal of the causes of dispute, Anglo-Irish friendship would

RESTITUTION FOR ERRORS OF PAST POLICY

London, To-day.

Mr. Grenfell for the Labour Party twitted the Premier with now sponsoring a policy which he described as a reversal of that which the party Mr. Chamberlain led had always pursued towards Ireland but said the agreement was welcome to the country and regarded by many British people as making some restitution for the errors of past policy.

During the speech of a member from Northern Ireland which followed, Mr. Chamberlain intervened to deny that there was any unpublished understanding on partition and recalled that Mr. De Valera also had told the Dail that there were no secret understanding on any matter. Mr. Graham White expressed the approval of the Liberals of the agreement which would provide a basis on which Anglo-Irish friendship could be gradually rebuilt.

Mr. Churchill's speech rapidly developed into a vigorous attack on agreements the effect of which he described in his closing sentence as "inviting demands from every quarter" and "casting away really important means of security and survival for vain shadows and for ease." He cited Mr. De Valera's declaration that the agreement would further the cause of Ireland to confound the claim of the premier that an agelong controversy was closed. — British Wireless.

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MIRROR ON THE FAR EAST

The latest issue of the "Far Eastern Mirror," just published, contains, as a special feature, a series of hitherto unpublished illustrations of the ghastly consequences of the bombing of the Tai Lee Factory, at Sai Kwaan, Canton, by Japanese planes on April 17.

Among interesting articles are an exhaustive analysis of Japan's policy in the Far East by Grover Clark, in which remarkable similarities between the statements of the Emperor in 1890 and those employed in official quarters to-day to justify Japanese action in China, designed to show that the invasion of China is part and parcel of a long-planned programme of expansion, while reaching the conclusion that the significant question to-day is not: Will Japan conquer China? But: How much more damage will be done before Japan stops trying to conquer and unconquerable China?

Madame Chiang Kai-shek, John J. Holland, Bishop Logan H. Roots, Boris Radeski and Emily Hahn are among other contributors.

FLOOD HAVOC IN "MESPO"

Baghdad, To-day.
Severe storms have caused the Euphrates to rise, and a town near Baghdad is isolated by the water.

Troops have been called out to assist in rescue and relief work.

Many lives are reported to have been lost, while livestock and property have been extensively damaged.—Reuter.

MARSEILLES PEACE GROUP

Paris, To-day.
Well-known women from many countries will attend the international conference for "the defence of peace and democracy" to be held in Marseilles from May 13 to 15.

Among those taking part will be Duchess of Atholl, Conservative member of the House of Commons, and Mrs. Olemin Kova, member of the Czechian senate.—Trans-Ocean.

CHINESE CRITICAL OF BRITAIN'S CUSTOMS ARRANGEMENT WITH JAPAN

Hankow, To-day.

A Chinese official, interviewed yesterday regarding the Anglo-Japanese Customs agreement, stated:

"The Chinese Government regrets to learn that certain temporary arrangements concerning the the Chinese Customs have been made between the British and Japanese Governments.

"While realising that the British Government, in entering into these arrangements, was motivated by a desire to protect holders of foreign obligations and to preserve Customs integrity, the Chinese Government regrets that without its consent the Chinese Customs, which form an important part of the administration of the Chinese Republic, should have been taken as subject to a matter of arrangement between two foreign States, one of which is engaged in a war

of aggression against China.

"The Chinese Government further regrets that the arrangement concluded is open to objection on several points.

INTERNAL LOANS

"While not desiring to criticise it in detail, the agreement tends to prejudice the position of the Customs as security, because it singles out some obligations for favoured treatment and sanctions a diversion of revenue from others, for which it is duly pledged, namely, internal loans.

"Moreover, the arrangements provide for the transfer of Customs revenue from a neutral to an enemy bank, and thereby may facilitate the use by Japan against China of revenues, which although collected in Shanghai and other centres of distribution in the occupied areas, represent taxes paid by the Chinese public outside as well as inside those areas."—Reuter.

IRISH JOKE

Sir,—I was greatly amused at your account in to-night's edition of Eire's new national hymn, id est, the "Song of the Soldier" as you erroneously term it.

It may interest your readers to know, that Eire's national anthem since the introduction of the Free State has been the "Soldier's Song", to which doubtless you refer. This so called Hymn of Hate was composed, both words and music by a Dublin poet about the time of the 1916 Rebellion. Its tune in no way resembles that of "Rolling Home to Merry England." The tune which closely resembles the tune of that popular naval ballad is an Irish rebel song entitled "Kevin Barry."

To the best of my knowledge neither the "Sean Van Voght" nor "The Wearing of the Green" were ever regarded as national anthems of Eire.

So this time that "typically Irish joke" seems to be on you.

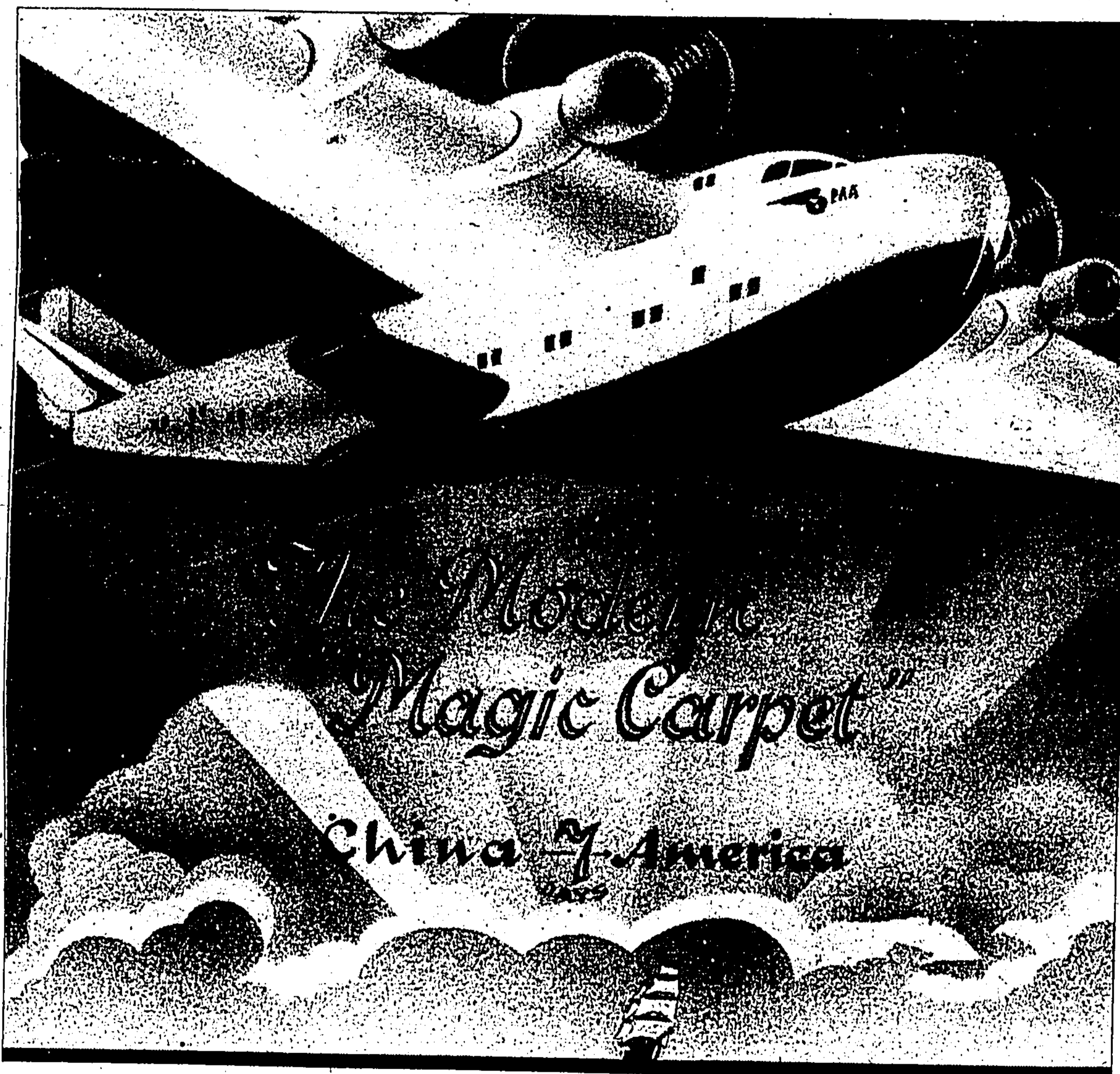
Yours etc.
IRISHMAN.

SYLVIA AND CHRISTIAN

Leaving Hong Kong after a season rendered noteworthy by the fact that it has been extended twice by popular request, Sylvia and Christian, crack Continental entertainers in the Grill Room of the Hong Kong Hotel, will make their farewell appearances on Saturday night.

The two Hungarians are under contract to appear at the International Club in New York early in June, and will proceed direct from Hong Kong to the United States.

They have had a remarkably successful season in Hong Kong, and even the warm weather has not reduced the large crowds in the Gripps, where the two entertainers are appearing nightly.



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No Such Suggestion Made By Hitler To Il Duce

THERESE MOLLER REFLOATED

Moscow, To-day.
The 3,930-ton Shanghai steamer "Therese Moller," which has been ice-bound off Sakhalin since the Autumn, was refloated yesterday by Soviet divers.
The vessel will be taken to Alexandrovsk or Sakhalin.—Reuter.

Mr. D. J. Heuff, wireless operator of the s.s. Sipirok has reported the loss of a cash box from his cabin containing \$149.

Agency Methods Criticised

Rome, To-day.

All conjecture about an alleged German-Italian military pact is described by competent German quarters here in Rome as pure invention. "During his stay in Italy, the Fuehrer has made no suggestion at all to the Duce about the conclusion of a military pact," was a statement made to the special Trans-Ocean correspondent in Rome upon enquiry at competent German quarters here yesterday.

ducted between Mussolini and Hitler alone and in German which Mussolini speaks with ease so that not even the services of the famous interpreter, Dr. Schmidt, are required. The conversations between Hitler and Mussolini will be resumed to-day after the return from Naples.

It is almost certain that so far no decisions have yet been reached.

NEXT TALKS

From reliable sources it is learnt that occupying the foreground of the next talks will be:

- (1) the question of a collaboration of the four European powers,
- (2) the problem of middle Europe,
- (3) Spain.

It is understood that military and colonial problems will be excluded from the discussions.

Judging from reports current here yesterday evening the first conference between Hitler and Mussolini served to reveal that the Duce and the Fuehrer are both inclined in favour of Four-Power co-operation.

Both statesmen, however, regard the Franco-Soviet military pact as the main stumbling block to a co-operation of this sort.

Germany's objections to this military pact are well known.

ITALY'S VIEW

The Trans-Ocean special correspondent was informed that Italy is coming more and more to see in the military alliance between Paris and Moscow a grave menace to its position in the Mediterranean and describes the contingency of collaboration between the Russian and French naval forces in the Mediterranean as "unnatural," seeing that the Soviet Union can lay no claim to being a Mediterranean power.—Trans-Ocean.

SUBTLE CHANGE IN NATURE OF HITLER VISIT

Naples, To-day.

The grandiose naval display for Herr Hitler having passed without a hitch, Signor Mussolini returned immediately to Rome yesterday.

Herr Hitler dined with the King at the Royal Palace, and appeared on the balcony to acknowledge the cheers of 100,000 people. He then drove through crowded streets to the San Carlo Opera House, leaving for Rome at midnight.

Comment has been aroused regarding the extent to which King Victor Emmanuel and the Fuehrer have been brought together during the visit, making a departure from the original character of the visit.

Herr Hitler was to have come as the head of the Nazi Party on a visit to the head of the Fascist Party, whereas the proceedings have transformed the plan into the visit of the head of the German state to the King of Italy.—Reuter.

MOCK BATTLE

Rome, To-day.

The Italian naval manoeuvres held in honour of Adolf Hitler reached their culmination yesterday afternoon when with the main body of the defence fleet operating in the vicinity of the island of Ischia which lies about 16 nautical miles south-west of Naples, the signal was given for the Italian naval air forces to engage in a mock battle. It provided an unforgettable spectacle of modern naval warfare in all its swift ferocity.

At the precise moment when the air squadrons appeared on the scene flying so remarkable low that all their markings and much of their armament could be easily distinguished, the torpedo boat flotilla was making an attempt to break through the opponent lines.

SEAPLANE FORMATIONS

With dramatic suddenness a fierce engagement was staged between the air and surface craft, between the air-torpedo and anti-aircraft guns. The entire engagement seemed to last only a few seconds and the air squadrons disappeared from sight as suddenly

as they had appeared.

The onlookers now caught sight of big formations of seaplanes which in the meantime had been catapulted from the aircraft carriers.

After the conclusion of these manoeuvres, the battleships "Cavour" and "Cesare" returned to the Gulf of Naples where they made their way between two naval squadrons which had taken part in the manoeuvres and which were now formed up in two double lines.

Here the Fuehrer was given a magnificent display of combined surface and air craft exercises whereupon the "Cavour" and the "Cesare" returned to the Reverello mole where the Fuehrer in company of his Royal host disembarked and amidst resounding cheers from the vast multitude proceeded at once to the Royal palace.

RETURN TO ROME

The Fuehrer's special train will arrive back in Rome at nine o'clock this morning. One hour later will begin in his honour the greatest military parade ever staged in Italy. Later in the day he will visit the Emperor Augustus exhibition. At 6 this evening he will attend a reception in his honour by Prince Pietro Colonna, the Governor of Rome.

The high spot in to-day's programme is a folk dance festival in the park of Villa Borghese, arranged by the Dopolavoro organisation.—Trans-Ocean.

"Those who are spreading these reports were also responsible for the rumour which alleged that Mussolini had made his journey to Berlin for the purpose of seeking a military alliance.

"Adolf Hitler was not contemplating a plan of a military alliance when he boarded the train for Italy nor will he evolve a plan of this sort during the impending discussions."

"One hour after the first talks between Hitler and Mussolini, one news agency despatched a report containing a detailed account of the alleged subject of these conversations. When the despatch was sent off, not even the Italian Ministers had been informed of the content of the talks, which just shows how it is done. Presumably the despatch was got out one hour before the talks commenced."

NO DETAILS

Actually no details are being disclosed concerning the nature of the conversations which are being con-

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RENTS COMPLAINTS

Government's recognition that things, in the housing-rents-evictions situation, are not altogether as they seem to be in the judgment of the Rents Commission, is tardy, but not ill-timed. The official notification gives opportunity for aggrieved tenants to present their cases to Government, provided the landlord has acted since March 23, and it is incumbent upon those members of the public who are affected (even where they have accepted increases with resignation) to lodge their protests. There can be no complaint against Government if tenants meet what they regard as official tardiness in action with an equally blushing reluctance to face up to the facts, although Government must continue to bear constantly in mind the ever-present fear of landlord retaliation. To-day, it is the threat of eviction, far more than rent extortion, that is crying out for most urgent remedy. But for that, hope raised in the public mind by signs that the issue is not forgotten in high quarters, would probably have a salutary psychological effect and curb the cupidity of those landlords who have, if accusations are to be believed, accepted the Rents Commission Report as their magna charta, giving them carte blanche in the treatment of tenants. With the eviction evil becoming more aggravated every

day, there is scarcely a resident occupying premises on a month-to-month basis who does not exist in fear that he may be the next victim. It follows that any suspicion that presentation of his grievance will get back to his landlord will at once prejudice the value of the Government's latest offer. It needs more than average courage to fight the most glaring instances of profiteering if the only result is to be the property-owner's dictum: If you don't like it, get out.

Mr. Braga, in his latest letter on this vital matter, again challenges the Unofficial members of Council to debate the question in public, suggesting the method of the pro-forma motion to furnish the occasion. The state of public opinion is such that it would dearly like to know on whose side its Unofficial "representatives" are to be found and would also like to be taken into Government confidence in the matter of what action, if any, is contemplated if a case is presented powerful enough to compel action. Mr. Braga is himself a landlord and the manager of extensive properties. That he should range himself against the Rents Commission and the rent racketeers is both an earnest of his disinterestedness and of the cooked-up case to which the Rents Commission, in deference to "witnesses of importance" permitted themselves to subscribe.

The most satisfactory solution, we still insist, is that which the Commission blandly overlooked. We mean the establishment of a Fair Rents Court, which would deal with all eviction application in addition. Responsibility given to competent officials, no landlord not guilty of flagrant exploitation of the present housing scarcity would be afraid to face its scrutiny.

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Justice for the Tourist

The suggestion has lately been made in an English newspaper that a "Complaints Office" should be set up in Britain, to which the foreign tourist with a legitimate grievance might fare with the hope of obtaining redress. The idea is already in operation among the French, and in the result it appears once again that "They order this matter better in France."

It is when the tongue refuses its office that the "office" would be so invaluable; for the visitor with little more than a nodding, or perhaps a miming, acquaintance with English, struggling at once with a feeling of injustice, "The Hundred Most Useful Phrases," and a totally incomprehensible native, is apt to feel from the beginning that "all is lost save honour." He can, of course, write to "The Times"; but suppose he does not share the Englishman's conviction that he has thus struck a great blow for freedom—

One feels that an institution of this nature, besides conducing to the enjoyment of the individual tourist, would act, in a small way, as a clearing-house for international prejudices; and anything of the kind is always devoutly to be wished.

CHINESE RESTING ON NEW LAURELS

Lull Develops On South Shantung Front

NO CHANGE IN STERLING EXCHANGE RATE

London, To-day.

No change in the sterling exchange rate is contemplated since the American Government officially and emphatically denied any intention of lowering the dollar rate, declared the Chancellor of the Exchequer, Sir John Simon, in the House of Commons yesterday, in answer to a question by the Labour member, Mr. F. J. Bellenger.

A few days ago, said the Chancellor, Paris had informed London and Washington of the intentions of the French Government regarding the devaluation of the franc, whereupon in accordance with the currency agreement by France, Britain and the United States the three Governments had held consultations.

FRENCH ASSURANCE

The French Government had given the assurance that the franc would be brought to such a level that would give France no substantial advantages in foreign trade and also that this devaluation of the franc would be the last one.

Thereupon England in agreement with the United States, had raised no objection to the French finance measures on the basis of the tripartite agreement, this agreement remaining in force as heretofore.—Trans-Ocean.

BREN GUN FACTORY IN CANADA

Ottawa, To-day.

It is officially announced that arrangements have been concluded to manufacture in Canada the Bren light machine-gun, with which the British army is being equipped.

Patent for the machine-gun has been obtained from Czechoslovakia.

It is unofficially stated that an initial British order has been received for the establishment of a plant in Toronto to manufacture the guns. The move is considered to be of great strategic importance.—Reuter.

CHUNGSHAN AREA SHELLED

Canton, To-day.

Three Japanese gun-boats shelled the Chung Shan District coast yesterday for over an hour. Chinese shore batteries, however, did not reply. No material damage was suffered.—Our Own Correspondent.

Japanese Achieve Nothing In Any Offensive

Hankow, To-day.

Although Japanese and Chinese messages from the front report bitter fighting in south Shantung, no important change in the respective positions has occurred in the last 24 hours and the state of stagnation seems likely to continue.

At present the Chinese front runs in a zig-zag line south of Yih sien, southeast of Tai erchwang and north of Pih sien, at a point 30 kilometres farther north than the southeasternmost point at Tai erchwang.

Japanese attempt to recapture Tai erchwang from the east has definitely been repulsed by the Chinese.

At the same time the Japanese have dispatched troops along the Imperial Canal eastward, in the direction of Tai erchwang.

The southern bank of the Imperial Grand Canal is occupied by the Chinese where firing is developing along the Canal without, however, resulting in tactical changes.

According to Chinese reports the Chinese troops have succeeded in capturing Tafoocheong, north of Tancheng hitherto held by the Japanese, and the Chinese are now advancing further on Lichiachwang, half-way between Tancheng and Linyi.

LULL SETS IN

Hankow, To-day.

Following the recent bitter fighting, a lull has set in on the south Shantung front, according to latest Chinese reports.

After their success in smashing the Japanese centre, the Chinese forces at present are consolidating the ground gained, and are awaiting reinforcements before launching further attacks.—Reuter.

JAPANESE AIR LOSSES

Hankow, To-day.

In the month of April the Japanese lost 75 planes according to Chinese claims here.

Thirty-nine of these machines were brought down by Chinese fighters in dog-fights, 31 crushed owing to collisions and engine trouble, while five were shot down by anti-aircraft guns.

Thirty-six of the planes belonged to the Japanese navy and the rest to the army.

Ninety-five Japanese aviators were killed.—Our Own Correspondent.

ITALIAN FLAG FAILS TO SAVE LOCAL JUNKS

A steam-launch flying the Italian flag was involved in an incident with a unit of the Japanese Navy on Wednesday as the result of which, three junks which it was towing were burnt and a valuable cargo destroyed.

In a report to the Police, Chan Kam-sui, a member of the crew of the steam-launch, Legionario, whose local agents are the Ping On Steamship Company, said that the launch left Macao on Wednesday towing three junks loaded with sundry cargo.

At 6 p.m. on the same day when between Tai O and Macao, a motor-boat from a Japanese warship approached and enquired as to the destination of the cargo.

HEAVY LOSS

On being furnished with the information, the motor boat returned to its parent vessel and returned with several tins of kerosine with which the junks were saturated and set alight after their crews had been forced to board the Legionario.

The total value of the junks and their cargo is assessed at \$24,800.

FAMOUS LAWYER AND WIFE END LIVES

Vienna, To-day.

Dr. Moriz Sternberg, the well-known Vienna criminal lawyer, and his wife, have committed suicide.

The Sternbergs' son married a daughter of Dr. Alfred Adler, the famous psychologist.—Reuter.

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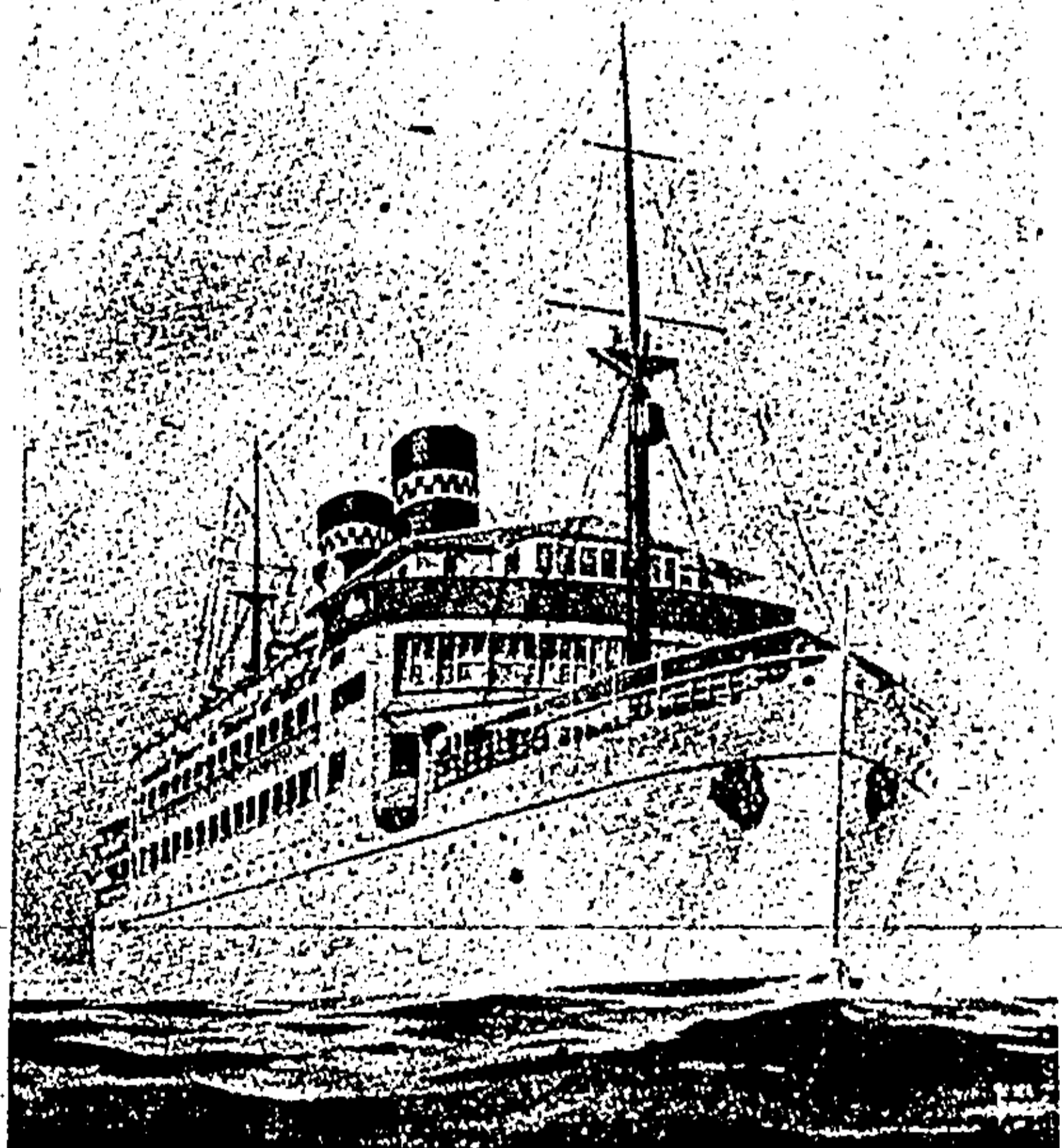
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Indications That Vote May Be Avoided

London, To-day.

The Foreign Secretary, Lord Halifax, will be the chief British delegate to the League Council meeting at Geneva next week, at which the question of recognition of the Abyssinian conquest will be the outstanding topic.

Britain and France will work in concert, but it has been impossible to decide the method of procedure beforehand.

It is highly unlikely that the Council will be prepared to adopt a resolution leaving members individually a free hand, as the Council decisions require a unanimous vote, which the Soviet attitude might be expected to preclude.

It is expected that the Chairman will take the sense of the meeting without proceeding to vote.

SWISS REQUEST

Another interesting item will be the Swiss request to remain a member of the League without obligation to participate in Sanctions.

The British and French representatives are expected to support the request, and a formula has already been devised.—Reuter.

KING RECEIVES NEW GOVERNOR

London, To-day.

The King, who returned from Glasgow yesterday morning, received at Buckingham Palace, Sir Hubert Young, Governor-designate of Trinidad.—Reuter.

MAX REINHARDT CASTLE CONFISCATED

VIENNA, TO-DAY.

IT IS OFFICIALLY ANNOUNCED THAT THE STATE HAS CONFISCATED CASTLE LEOPOLDSKRON, NEAR SALZBURG, THE HOME OF MAX REINHARDT, THE WORLD-FAMOUS PRODUCER, TO WHOM THE CASTLE WAS PRESENTED BY THE AUSTRIAN GOVERNMENT.

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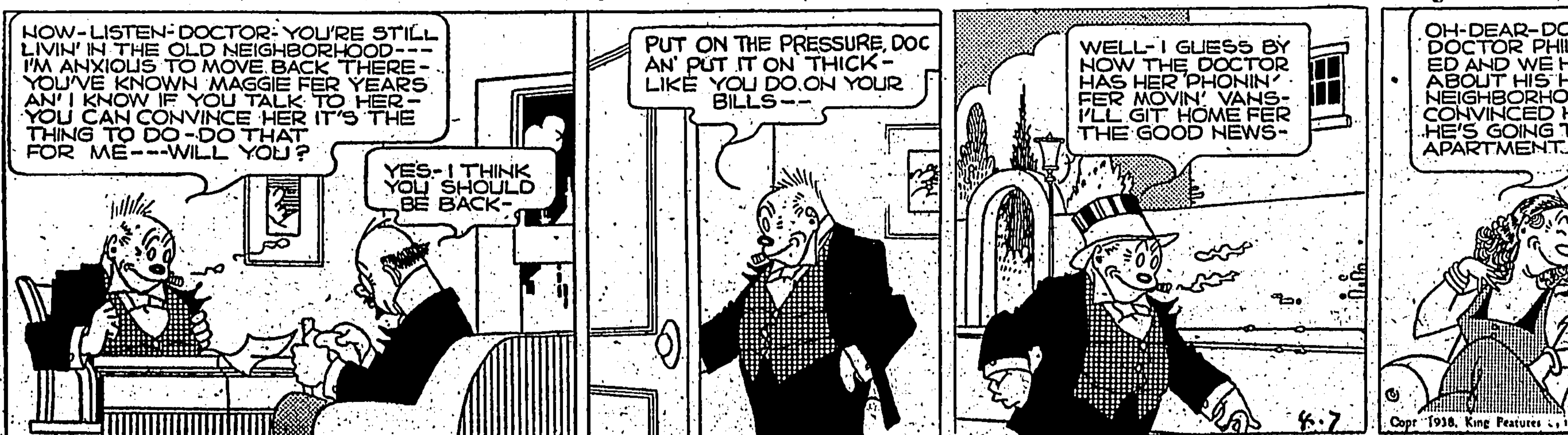
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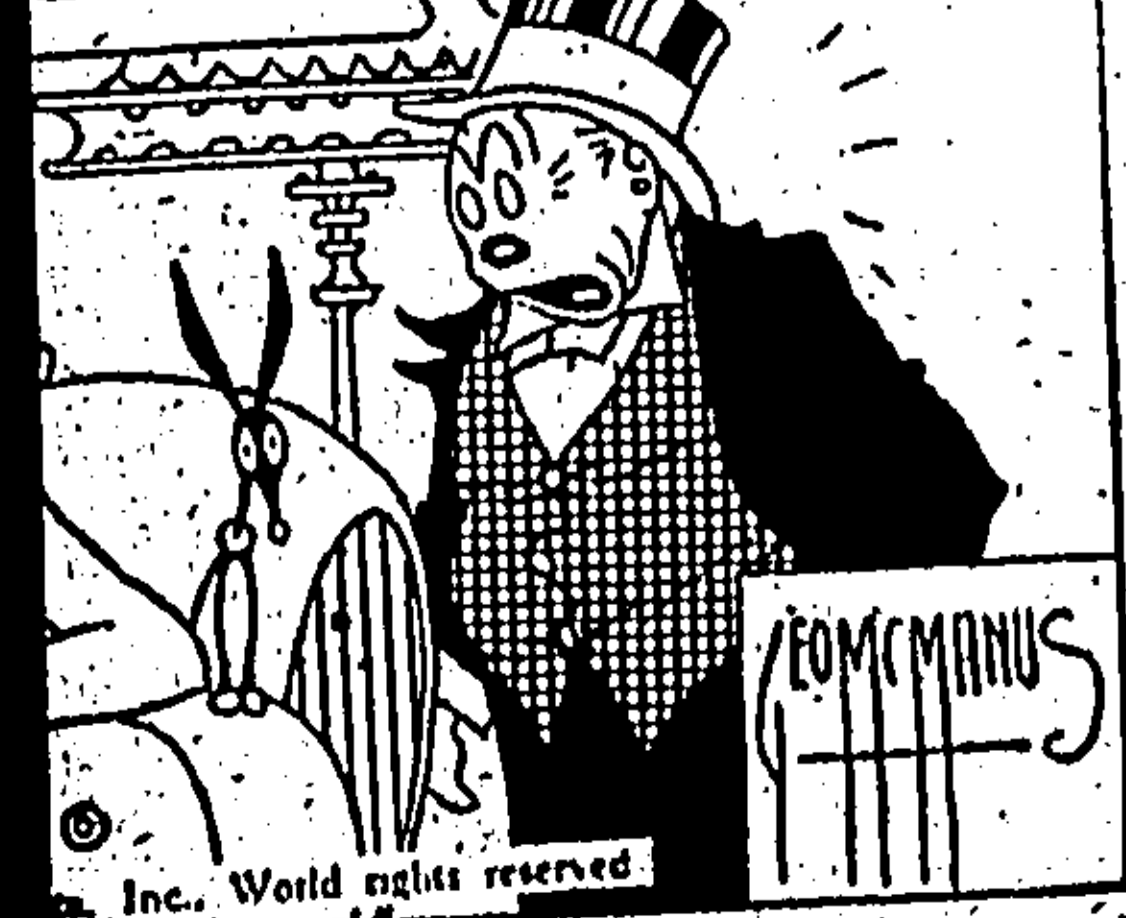
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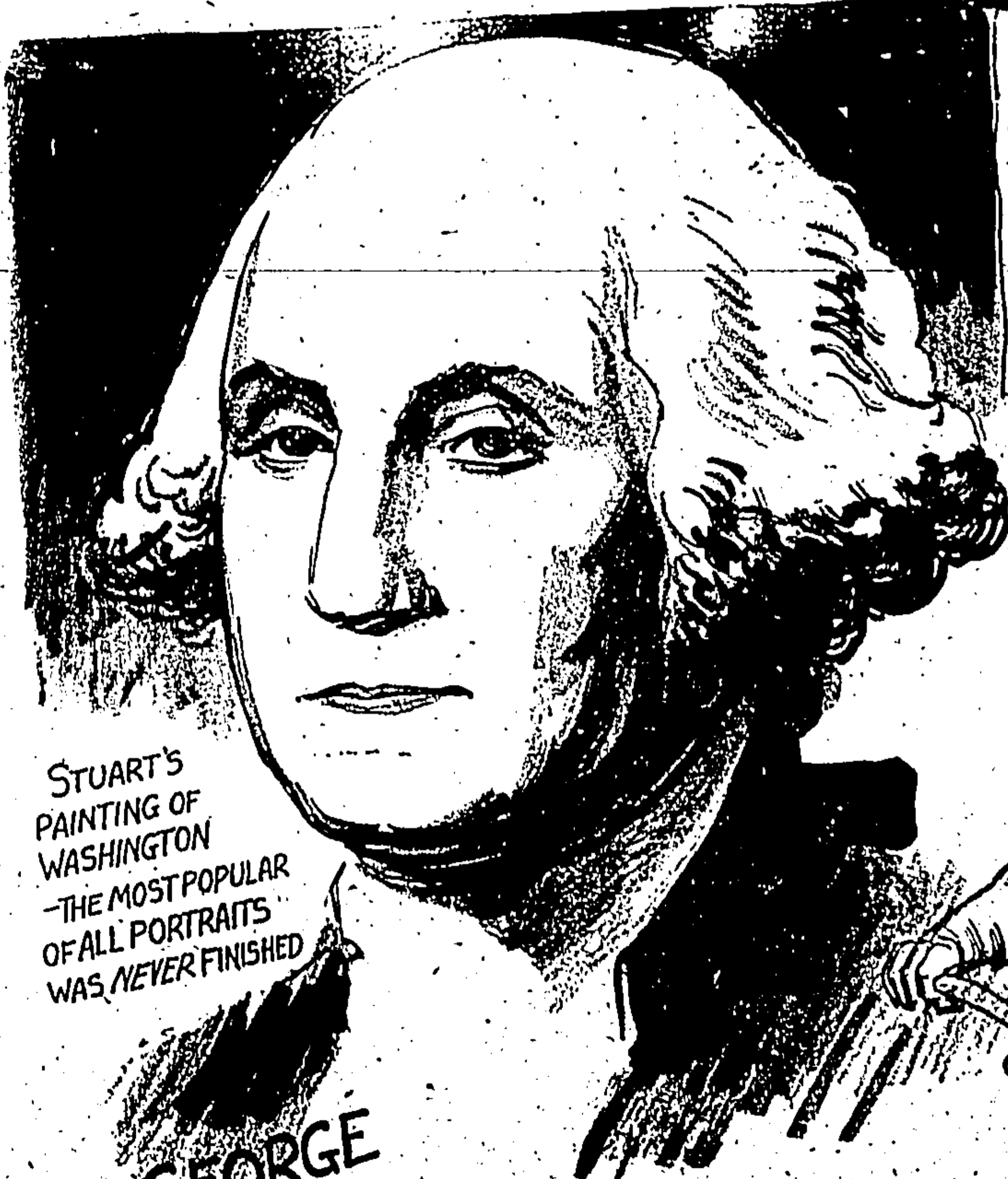


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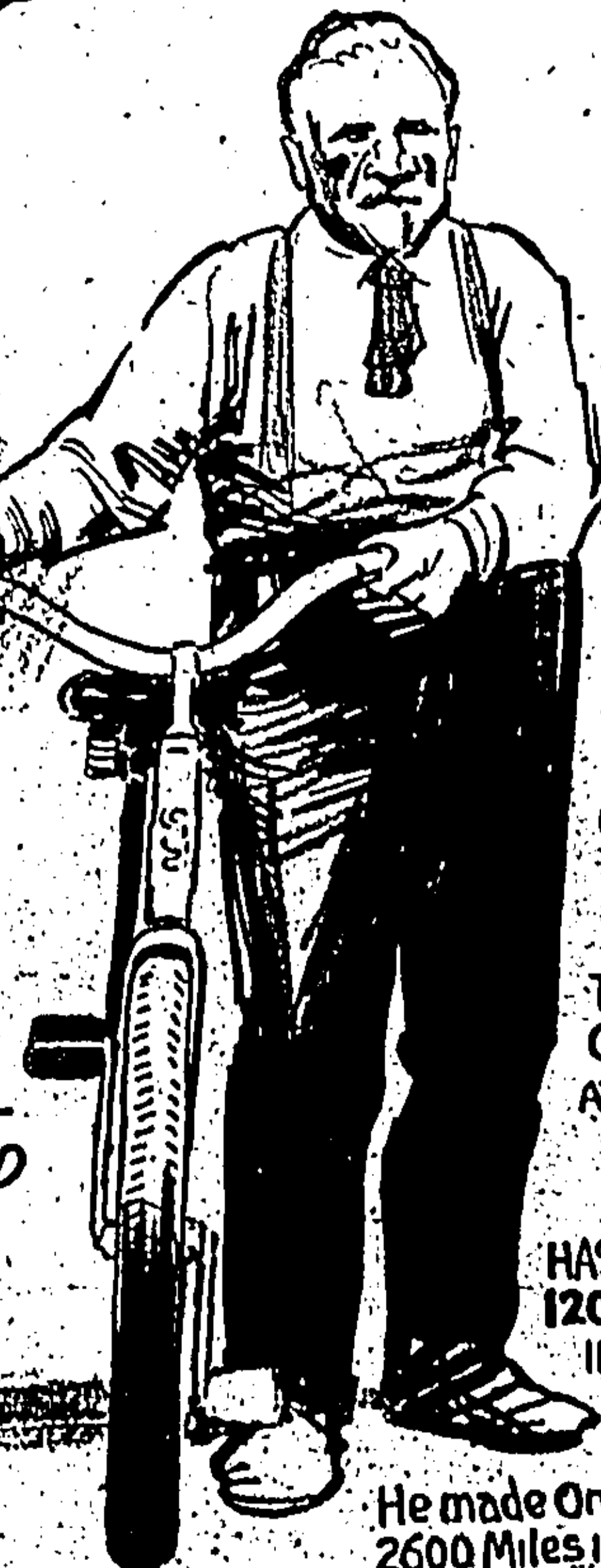
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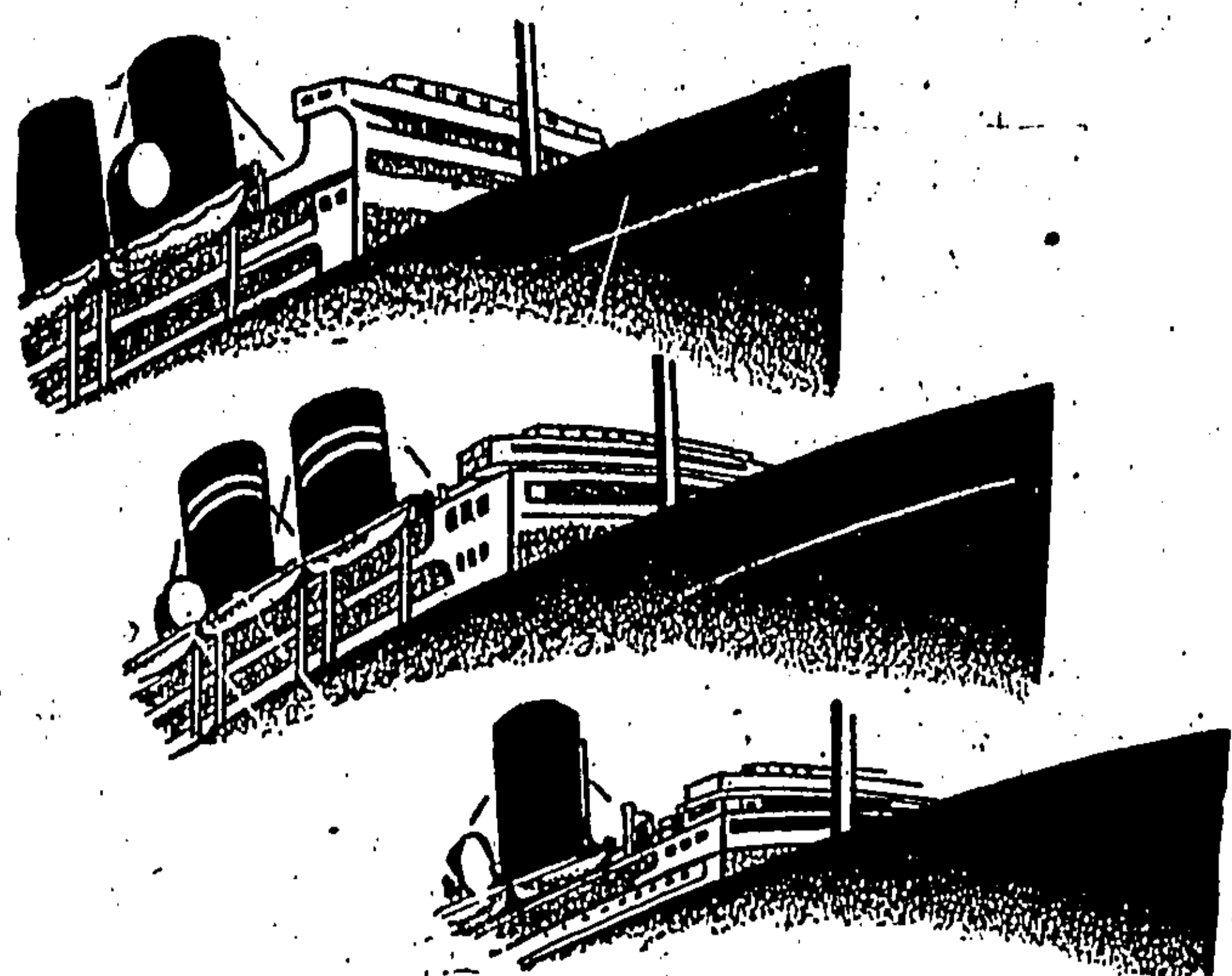
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TANDA	7,000	9th May Noon	Shanghai & Japan.
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INWARD MAILS

Shanghai and Amoy	Newchwang	May 6.
Japan and Shanghai	Katori Maru	May 6.
Shanghai	Behar	May 6.
Japan	Suisang	May 6.
"Imperial Airways Direct Service"—London date 1st May.	Imperial Airways Plane	May 6.
Bangkok and Swatow	Kalgan	May 6.
Straits and Europe via Negapatam (Letters and Papers) London date 7th April.	Hakone Maru	May 6.
Shanghai and Swatow	Kingyuan	May 6.
Hoihow and Pakhoi	Kwangtung	May 6.
Straits	Anshun	May 6.
Japan	Kumsang	May 7.
Amoy	Hupei	May 7.
Haiphong	Canton	May 7.
Shanghai and Amoy	Taiyuan	May 7.

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For	Per Friday	Date and Time.
Swatow, *Shanghai and Tientsin	Chang On	May 6, 12.30 p.m.
Hoihow	Hai Hing	May 6, 2.30 p.m.
Formosa, Shanghai and Japan	Hakone Maru	May 6, 3.30 p.m.
Shanghai	Tiranna	May 7, 5 p.m.
Air Mail for "K.L.M. Airways Direct Service"—due Amsterdam, 17th May.	Katori Maru	Fri., May 6, G.P.O. and K.P.O.
	Reg.,	May 6, 4 p.m.
	Ord.,	May 6, 4.30 p.m.
Straits, Ceylon, India, E. & S. Africa, Aden, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles—due Marseilles, 5th June.	Katori Maru	Fri., May 6, G.P.O. and K.P.O.
	Reg.,	May 6, 4.15 p.m.
	Ord.,	May 6, 5 p.m.
Batavia	Tjisaroea	May 6, 4.30 p.m.
*Straits and *Europe via Marseilles—due Marseilles, 8th June	Behar	May 6, 5 p.m.
Air Mail for Wuchow, Kweilin, Kweiyang and Chungking by the "C.N. A.C. Airways Direct Service."	C.N.A.C. Plane	Sat., May 7, K.P.O.
	Reg.,	May 6, 5 p.m.
	Ord.,	May 6, 5 p.m.
		G.P.O.
	Reg.,	May 6, 5 p.m.
	Ord.,	May 7, 6 a.m.
		Saturday
Samshui and Wuchow	Kongso	May 7, 8.15 a.m.
Kongmoon	Fook On	May 7, 10 a.m.
Swatow and *Amoy	Cremer	May 7, 10.30 a.m.
Amoy, Foochow (via Amoy) and Shanghai	Tjibadak	May 7, 3 p.m.
Tientsin	Gustav Diederichsen	May 7, 4.30 p.m.
Air Mail for "K.L.M. Airways Service"—due Amsterdam, 19th May.	Conte Verde	Sat., May 7, G.P.O. and K.P.O.
	Reg.,	May 7, 4 p.m.
	Ord.,	May 7, 4.30 p.m.
Air Mail for "France Orient Airways Service"—due Marseilles, 22nd May.	Helikon	Sat., May 7, G.P.O. and K.P.O.
	Reg.,	May 7, 4 p.m.
	Ord.,	May 7, 4.30 p.m.
Manila, Straits, Ceylon, India, Egypt and *Europe via Brindisi—due Brindisi, 29th May.	Conte Verde	Sat., May 7, G.P.O. & K.P.O.
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	Ord.,	May 7, 5 p.m.
Hoihow, Pakhoi and Haiphong	Kingyuan	May 7, 5 p.m.
Saigon	Helikon	May 7, 5 p.m.
Straits and Calcutta	Kumsang	Sun., May 8, G.P.O. and K.P.O.
	Par.,	May 7, 5 p.m.
	Ord.,	May 8, 9 a.m.
Air Mail for "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—due London, 15th May.	Imperial Airways Plane	Sun., May 8, G.P.O. & K.P.O.
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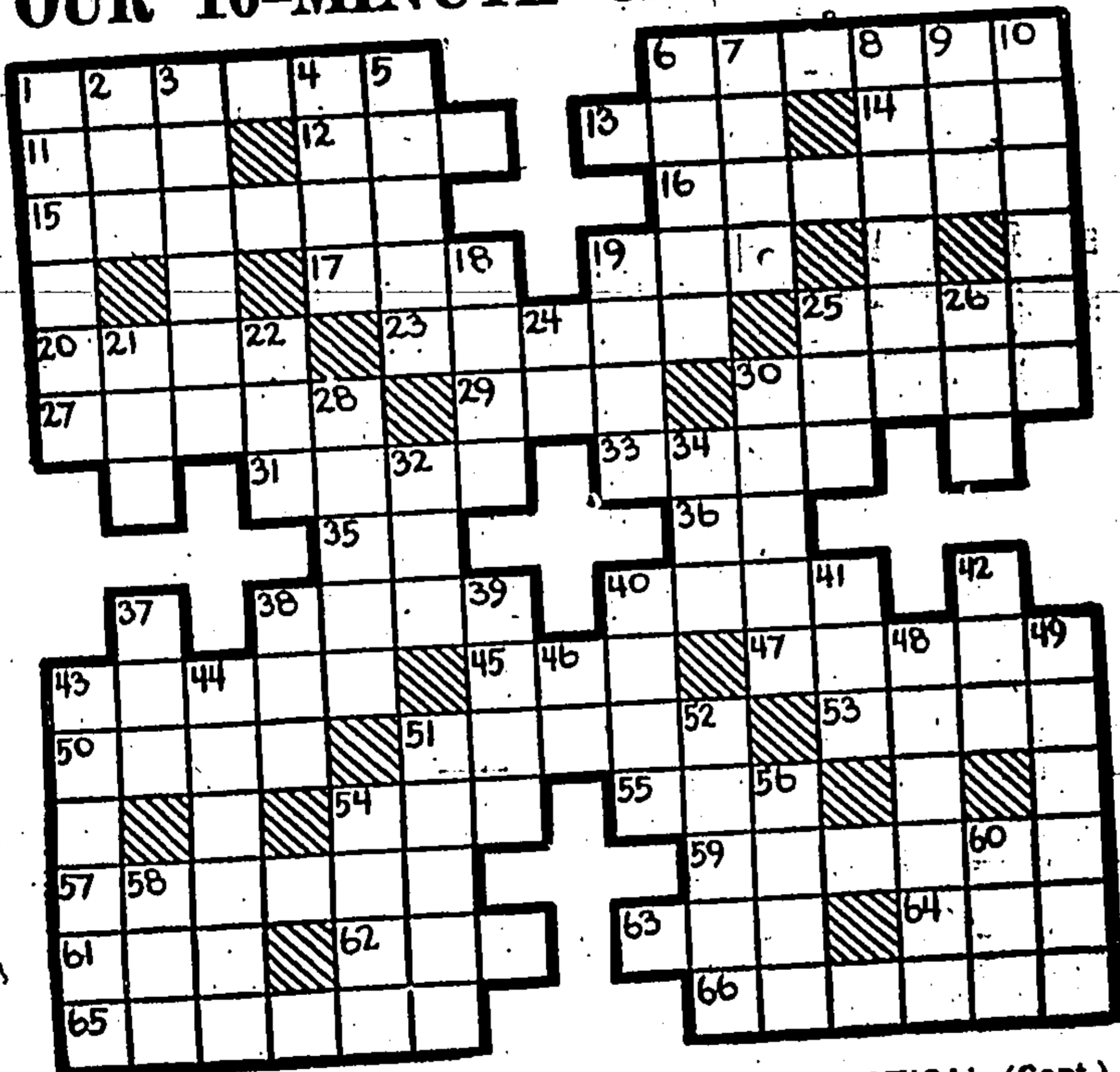
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- 6—Endured
- 11—Lick up
- 12—Butt
- 13—By
- 14—Anger
- 15—Add
- 16—Passageways
- 17—Taste
- 18—Terminate
- 20—Snare
- 23—Scolds
- 25—Prophet
- 27—Greenish finch
- 29—Pronoun
- 30—A sign denoting omission
- 31—Gain
- 33—Wrong-doing
- 35—Six
- 36—Near by
- 38—Portable light
- 40—Units
- 43—Example
- 45—Tear
- 47—Navigates
- 50—Surface
- 51—Ultimate
- 53—Matured

HORIZONTAL (Cont.)

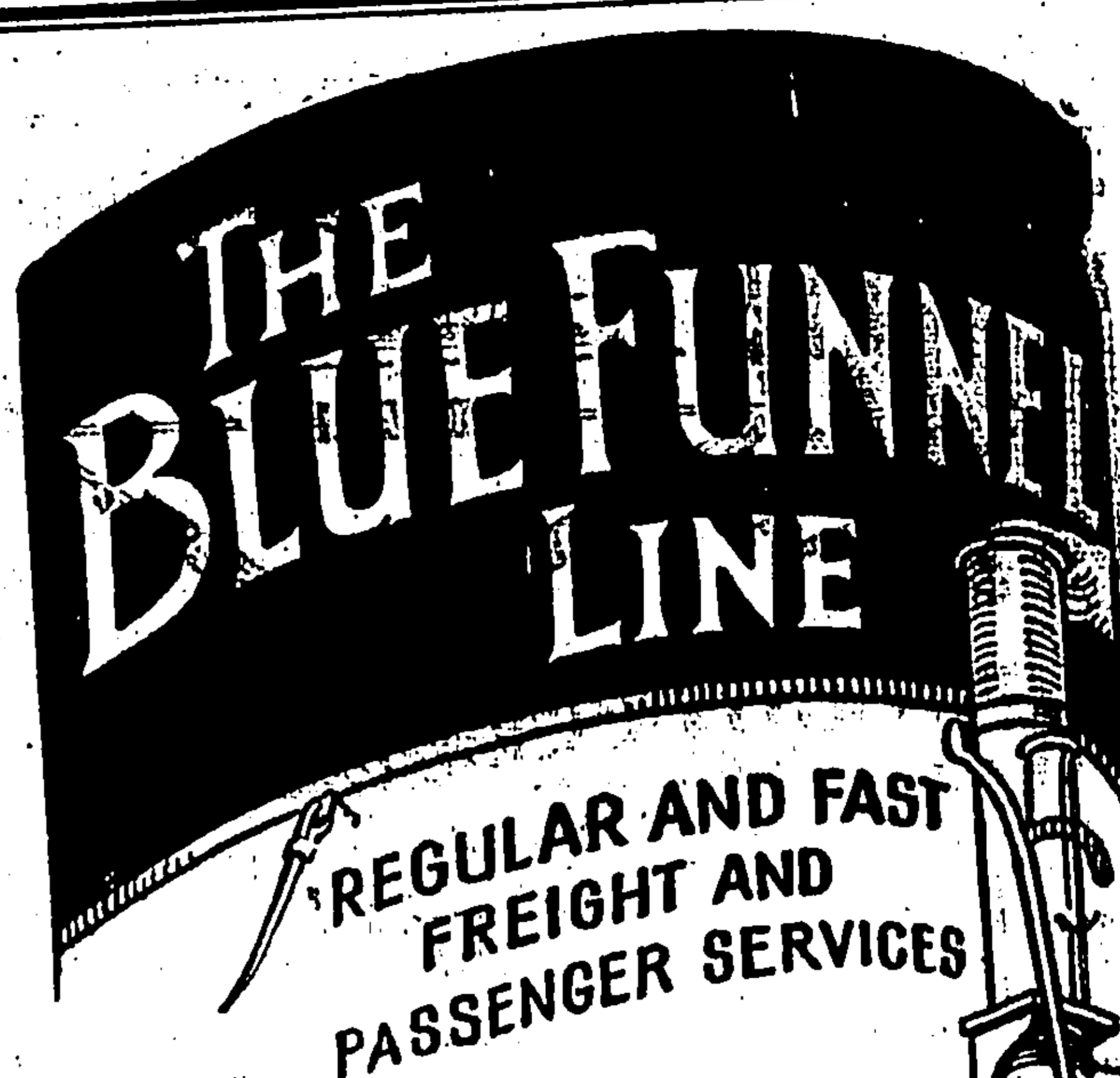
- 54—Edge
- 55—Allow
- 57—Hasty
- 59—French musical composer
- 61—A compass point (abbr.)
- 62—Perform
- 63—Marsh
- 64—A compass point (abbr.)
- 65—Signify
- 66—Make crimson.

VERTICAL

- 1—Rends in pieces by explosion.
- 2—Knock
- 3—Come into view
- 4—Eagles
- 5—Opposed to zenith
- 6—Inclines
- 7—Dry
- 8—Helm
- 9—Before
- 10—Desolate region
- 18—Ache

VERTICAL (Cont.)

- 19—Otherwise
- 21—Crimson
- 22—A pastry
- 24—Pronoun
- 25—Salt (Lat.)
- 26—Ever (contr.)
- 28—Pertaining to marine forces
- 30—Quotes
- 32—Edge
- 34—Large truck
- 37—And not
- 38—Grassy meadow
- 39—Neat
- 40—Gem stone
- 41—Dip
- 42—A beverage
- 43—Assembled
- 44—To make dull
- 46—Within
- 48—Pressed
- 49—Kingdom of Europe
- 51—Practice with a foil
- 52—Light and fine, as a line
- 54—Warmth
- 56—Pitch
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- 60—Unit



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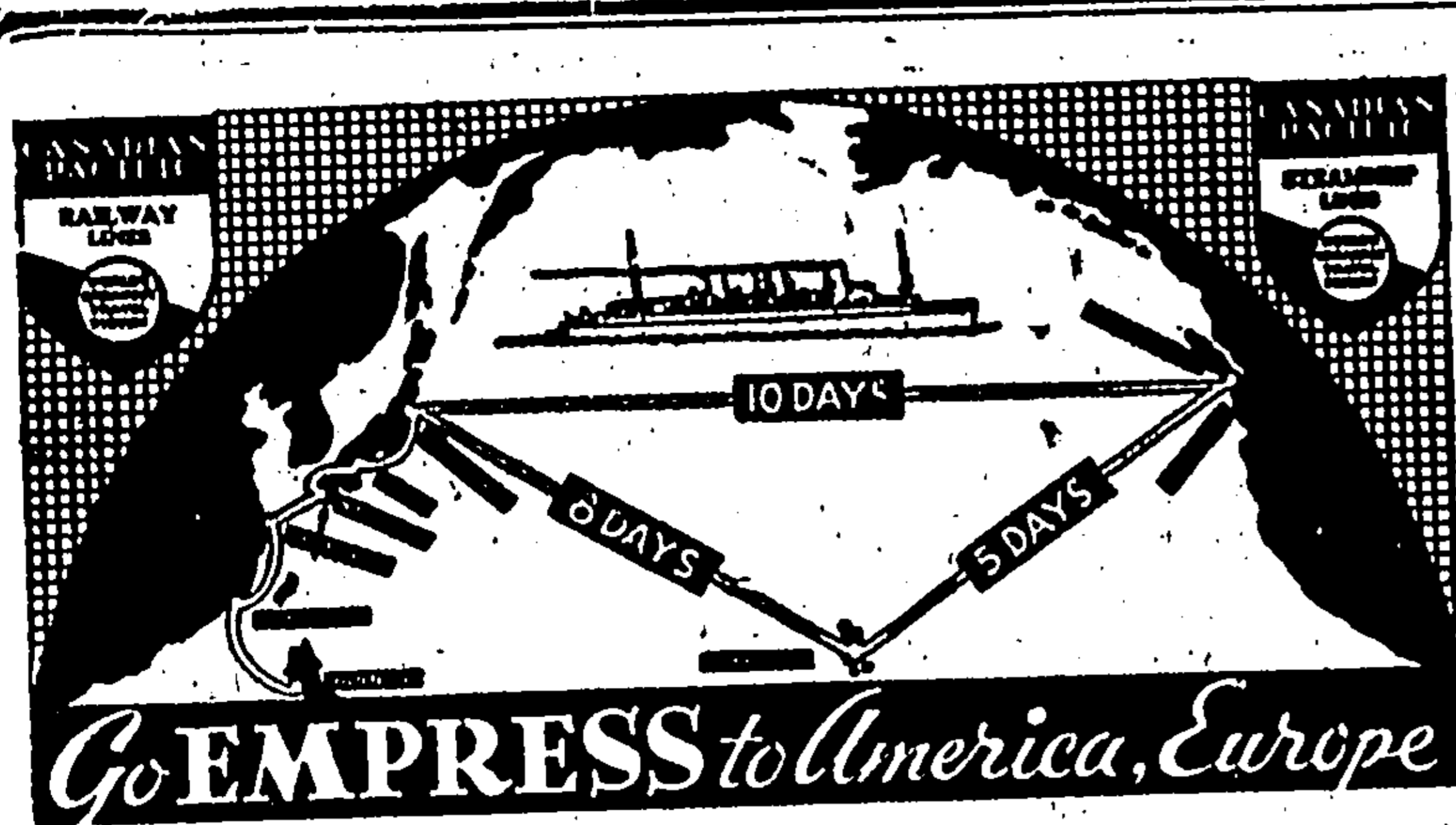
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CANTON INSURANCE OFFICE REPORT

Abnormally heavy losses during 1936 were announced by the Hon. Mr. J. J. Paterson, chairman, at the annual meeting of shareholders of the Canton Insurance Office held at noon to-day.

The Chairman said:—The Statement of Accounts for the year 1936, which we now present to you, is definitely lean when compared with that for 1935 and, in view of what looked to be an excellent carry forward at this time last year, the outturn is most disappointing to us. Premium Income exceeded that for 1935 by just on \$294,000. Expenses fell from 29.28 per cent. to 28.93 per cent, but these satisfactory features were entirely nullified by the rise in the percentage of Losses from 55.80 per cent. to 64.64 per cent. leaving an Underwriting surplus of but 6.43 per cent. as against 14.92 per cent. for 1935.

The balance at credit of Working Account 1937, as at the 31st December last, stands at \$2,363,965.87 an increase of \$151,933.95 on that for 1936 at the same stage. With a vivid recollection of how sadly 1936 let us down in this respect, we refrain from making any prophecy as to the final outturn but judging by our statistics and, granted no repetition of the 1936 debacle, we feel that it should give no cause for complaint.

ASSETS DOWN

A review of the Balance Sheet will show that the total of Assets is down by \$366,095.84 and \$22,690. 6. 4, as expressed in Hong Kong Currency and Sterling. The Reinsurance Fund is up by \$201,824.00 and \$12,508. 17. 8 respectively, the Underwriting Suspense Account by \$9,463.02 and \$586. 10. 2, while the Investment and Exchange Fluctuation Account reveals decreases of \$483,434.95 and \$29,962. 17. 11; these last being due to the fall in prices of securities, both Sterling and

Local Currency, as quoted on the 31st December last.

The surplus to be dealt with is \$972,385.41 out of which has been paid an Interim Dividend of \$5 per share. We now recommend a final payment of \$8 per share, making in all \$13 per share, which will absorb \$650,000, and the transfer of the balance of \$322,385.41 to Underwriting Suspense Account, to close 1936 and previous years. The balance of \$2,363,965.87 at credit of 1937 Account allows of the payment of an interim dividend of \$5 per share for that year, leaving an amount of \$2,113,965.87 to be carried forward.

I do not propose to inflict on you a lengthy dissertation on the shortcomings of Marine Insurance, about which so much has been written, suffice it to say that the year 1936 was most unsatisfactory, more particularly with regard to London Underwriting where the hopes engendered by results from 1929 onwards—though definitely waning in 1933/1935—crashed very badly. The main reasons for this were, undoubtedly excessive competition, the high cost of repairs and the unusually bad weather that was experienced in Europe during the Winter of 1936/1937. We are glad to be able to inform you, however, that our London friends are now more optimistic as to what lies ahead, owing to drastic changes that have been made in rates and conditions.

Present were:—Hon. Mr. J. J. Paterson, (Chairman); Mr. D. E. Clark, Mr. A. H. Compton, Mr. T. E. Pearce, Mr. J. H. Taggart, (Directors), Mr. F. C. Hall (Secretary), and the following Shareholders:—H. W. Dulle, Ho Kom Tong, O.B.E., Lo Cheung Ip, M. H. Lo, Ho Shai Cheung, D. Hung, J. Fleming, C. B. Brown, S. Hampden Ross, A. R. Fullerton (Attorney for J. E. and F. A. Joseph), and Hon. Mr. M. K. Lo. Mr. Ho Kom-tong seconded the adoption of the Report and Accounts. Carried unanimously.

OTHER BUSINESS

Sir Robert Ho Tung, Messrs. D. E. Clark, A. H. Compton, Felix A. Joseph, T. E. Pearce, J. H. Taggart, and S. T. Williamson were re-elected to the Consulting Committee, on the proposal of Mr. C. B. Brown, seconded by Mr. J. Fleming.

Messrs. Lowe, Bingham and Matthews and Messrs. Percy Smith, Seth and Fleming were reappointed auditors.

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Sir John Simon said: "At the beginning of the week, the French Government informed us that they did not consider it possible the franc could be maintained at its then level and that they were contemplating a lower rate. "The French Government made a similar communication to the Government of the United States and as is provided in the tripartite agreement, consultations between the three Governments then took place.

"The French Government have given assurances that it is their intention to achieve as the eventual result of their policy, a rate corresponding to their economic position and giving to France no competitive trade advantage and that the present downward movement would be the last.

STILL IN EFFECT

"In these circumstances, after consultation with the American Government and in agreement with them, we have reached the conclusion that the action being taken by the French Government should be regarded as not inconsistent with the tripartite agreement. That agreement, in the view of all three Governments continues with full force and effect."

Sir John Simon was then asked if the Government contemplated that no further approval should be given to unilateral devaluation of the franc or the dollar.

WILD RUMOUR

Sir John Simon declared: "We will deal with the situation as we find it. The Honorable gentleman has referred to the dollar. As I have seen in the newspapers a wild rumour suggesting that there might be a lowering in the value of the dollar, may I take this opportunity of saying that that has been officially denied in Washington. Equally, of course we are not contemplating any adjustments of sterling exchange." — British Wireless.

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Fourth Extra Race Meeting

MOST OF NINE EVENTS OVER SPRINT DISTANCE

Little Audrey Favoured For Main Event

MESSRS. V. V. NEEDA & H. P. CHANSON
LEAVE FOR SHANGHAI

(By "RAPIER")

The Fourth Extra Race Meeting of the Hong Kong Jockey Club will be held to-morrow and will consist of a varied programme of nine races, the majority of which are over sprint distances. It is interesting to note that not one race will be contested beyond a mile. Entries again are most satisfactory, and with the best among the Australian and China ponies debarred from racing, it will be no easy task to make the right nominations.

Given favourable weather conditions, and with the track on the hard side, some fast times should be returned. Mr. V. V. Needa returned to Shanghai last week, and I have no information as to whether he will be returning. I understand that Mr. H. P. Chanson has also gone back to Shanghai.

MOUNT GOUGH HANDICAP: SIX FURLONGS.

This is the opening race of the day, and will be confined to "A" Class China ponies, with the stipulation that winners of \$1,750.00 or more since January 1, 1938, are barred. Only six ponies have qualified to run, and with the other better class ponies precluded from participation, it seems to me that the finish in this race will be fought out between Gladiator (Mr. Proulx) and Oak Bay (Mr. Encarnacao).

These two ponies clashed in the "All Out" Stakes, at the First Extra Race Meeting over the same distance. On that occasion Oak Bay was ridden by Mr. Proulx, and it was due to his superior riding that enabled the latter to win by a short head. For to-morrow, however, Gladiator will have the benefit of Mr. Proulx's handling, and it will be recalled that this pony kept up with Desert Chief for a great part of the distance when the latter made its record-breaking run on the first day of the Easter Race Meeting.

In the circumstances, therefore, I recommend Gladiator as the winner, and I believe that this time it will justify the confidence of the betting public.

With Mr. Encarnacao up Oak Bay must not be neglected. For the third position, Soldier of Britain looks very tempting on account of its low weight of only 140 lbs., but it will be seriously challenged by Cossack's Beauty, which will be ridden by Mr. Pih.

CHARTERS TOWERS HANDICAP: ONE MILE.

This will probably be the best race of the day, and will be contested by "B" Class Australian ponies. Having recently been demoted from "A" Class, Home Brew and Ranger will be called on to shoulder top weight of 165 lbs., which may hamper their chances of winning.

Home Brew is undoubtedly a better class animal, however, and despite its heavy burden it is still capable of accounting for this race, but it will have to be in its very best form to defeat some of the other contenders, particular Little Audrey (Mr. S. C. Liang), Lucky Lad (Mr. W.G. Poy), and Katinka.

At the last meeting I was keeping a close watch on Annabella, which was ridden by Mr. Pih, but it started badly and was never in the picture. Many will not feel inclined to back it, but in view of its performance in the Rooter-Hill Derby, Annabella may yet spring a surprise. The finish



should be fought out between Little Audrey and Katinka, with Lucky Lad having a say, and Bag Tor (Mr. B.A. Proulx) as a possible outsider.

TAIMOSHAN HANDICAP (FIRST SECTION) ONE MILE.

In this race for "D" Class China ponies, Desert Star and Golden Cow are given top weight of 163 lbs. each, and as we know that the latter pony has won more than one race carrying 168 lbs., I am inclined to select it for a win again. It will be ridden by Mr. S. C. Liang, who has the knack of being able to obtain the utmost out of his mounts, and he has in Golden Cow a pony with a great racing heart. Desert Star and Salvage-Master came in second and third respectively.



to Smiling Thru on the first day of the Easter Race Meeting, and they will give Golden Cow a good run. Salvage-Master won the Bon Vista Handicap (First section) over six furlongs, and has been penalised by 8 lbs. On account of its light weight of 145 lbs. Piet Hein may be worth following especially as it will be ridden by Mr. Encarnacao.

MOUNT DAVIS HANDICAP (FIRST SECTION) ABOUT HALF MILE 170 YARDS.

Quite the best among the "C" Class China ponies will figure in this event, and as it is over such a short distance anything is likely to happen. The ponies to watch are:—

AMBERLEY (Y. T. FUNG)
JUST IN TIME (MR. ENCARNACAO)
KING'S BOUNTY (MR. PROULX)
LAUGHING GIRL (MR. S. C. LIANG)
TYNE (MR. TAO).

and possibly Royal Consort (Mr. K. S. Shu), which is very fit at the moment.

Just In Time came in second to Humdrum Eve in the Deep Bay Handicap (six furlongs), and considering the way it challenged Humdrum Eve, I should say that it has a good chance of scoring its first win. The fact that Laughing Girl is only carrying 145 lbs. makes it a potential menace, and as Tyne came in second to Commencement Bay, in the Kellett Handicap, over 1¼ miles, it must also be regarded as a dangerous contender.

I strongly fancy Just In Time to win, with Laughing Girl second, and Tyne and Amberley fighting it out for the third position.

THE "HUNCHBACKS" HANDI- CAP: ABOUT HALF MILE 170 YARDS.

This is the first leg of the "Daily Double" and is confined to Subscription Griffins of this season that have not won a race since the commencement of racing this year.

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"REVIEWER'S" SPORTS COMMENTARY

PREPARATIONS for the swimming season are well in hand and alterations to many clubhouses, both at North Point and at the V.R.C., were carried out during the close season.

Probably the most interesting change in the Colony occurred at the V.R.C. where the swimming pool was entirely renovated and tiled, making its appearance most attractive, although there is one point which needs remedying. When I saw the pool about a week ago, it looked very tantalising from the ordinary swimmer's point of view, but from the competitors' viewpoint one thing struck me forcibly and that was that the starter's end of the pool has a defect which must be remedied immediately.

At the moment, there is a sharp incline of about 35 degrees which makes it virtually impossible for racers to get away to a natural start. The feeling is akin to having a heel under your toe! Actually I cannot see why the V.R.C. authorities did not erect blocks of 1 ft. 6 ins., as in other pools throughout the Empire. I am not quite sure of the dimensions of these blocks, but in any case it is about time we came into line.

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WILFRED Lawrence, former Colony swimming champion, who did not participate last year owing to illness, has only just commenced swimming and judging by his effortless movements, has lost nothing in speed and rhythm. Lawrence will have plenty of competition this year from competitors outside the V.R.C.

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THOUGH the football season is now officially closed, Chinese Club players will have little rest as the committee of both the South China Athletic Association and the Eastern Athletic Association are making arrangements for tours to the Straits and Siam during the close season.

The Saigon football team are visiting the Colony on May 13 and expect to stay here a week before proceeding to Manila, where they are scheduled to play five games.

While in Hong Kong they will be the guests of the South China Athletic Association, who are arranging three games for them. The first will be against South China and it is hoped that the Hong Kong Football Association and the Hong Kong Area Army Sports Board will field teams against them.

The visitors, who have just left Singapore, have made a good impression so far and of the three games played in the Straits, winning the first easily, drawing the other and in their remaining fixture being defeated by a narrow margin.

It is understood that their football is of the rough and ready type, but they have made great progress lately and did well against the Islington Corinthians.

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"AUSSIE" TEST PLAYERS

To-day we publish the eleventh unpublished biography of the sixteen players selected to represent Australia in the 1938 Cricket Test series against England.

To-day's thumb nail sketch is that of Edward S. White (New South Wales).

The need for an orthodox left-arm bowler on English wickets, is always recalled by the deeds of Ferris, Saunders, Whitty, Macartney and Hornibrook.

If a left-hand bowler was to be selected, apart from Fleetwood-Smith, who is an exploiter of the "bosie", the choice was limited to Ted White, who for three seasons has been a regular member of the New South Wales side.

Over 6 ft. in height he has a beautiful action. For his State against the M.C.C., in 1936, he had Fagg l.b.w., Hammond stumped, and Leyland bowled at a cost of 41 runs. In the

THE WEEK-END BASEBALL PROGRAMME

The following is the programme for the week-end:—

TO-MORROW—(2.15 p.m.)

U. S. S. Club de
Mindanao v Recreio

SUNDAY—(10 a.m.)

Indians v U. S. S.
H.K.B.C. v Mindanao
Chinese B. C.

return match, Lush robbed him of the chance to impress.

In Shield matches that season he took 13 wickets at 35.46. What he could do on a sticky wicket was revealed in the 1935-36 season. His tally was eight South Australian wickets for 31. Considering his soundness in club games and his many opportunities, his batting has not been a success.

Like Sievers, he refrains from using his reach. He came out of his shell of patient solidity, however, in the last match of the 1936-37 season, against South Australia, to compile a brilliant untroubled 108 not out.

More consistent batting would put him in the meagre ranks of Australia's present all-rounders. Without being brilliant, he is a reliable close-in fieldman. Born April 17, 1903.

Three Baseball Games This Week-End

With the exception of the Volunteers, who have been excused from any games till next week, all the other teams in the local Baseball League will be seen in action, and an indication of their strength and chances for the championship pennant, can be formed.

The Volunteers, whose late entry rather upset the schedule, are still in the progress of team-building, and while they will have the Leonard brothers' Costa and Bowen, they will be without Pereira, their reserve pitcher, who has joined Club de Recreio, and he will prove their greatest loss.

Beltrao and Mendonca will also be missed. The Volunteers have, however, secured G. Souza, the Volunteer cricketer, and hope that he will be able to fill the second-base position, where his fielding and catching will be very useful.

PORTUGUESE CONFIDENT

The Portuguese who are confident of doing very well this season, will meet the Mindanao to-morrow, and as the latter will be without the services of Collier, who has left for America, they may be hard pressed by the Portuguese who have been practising hard during the past month.

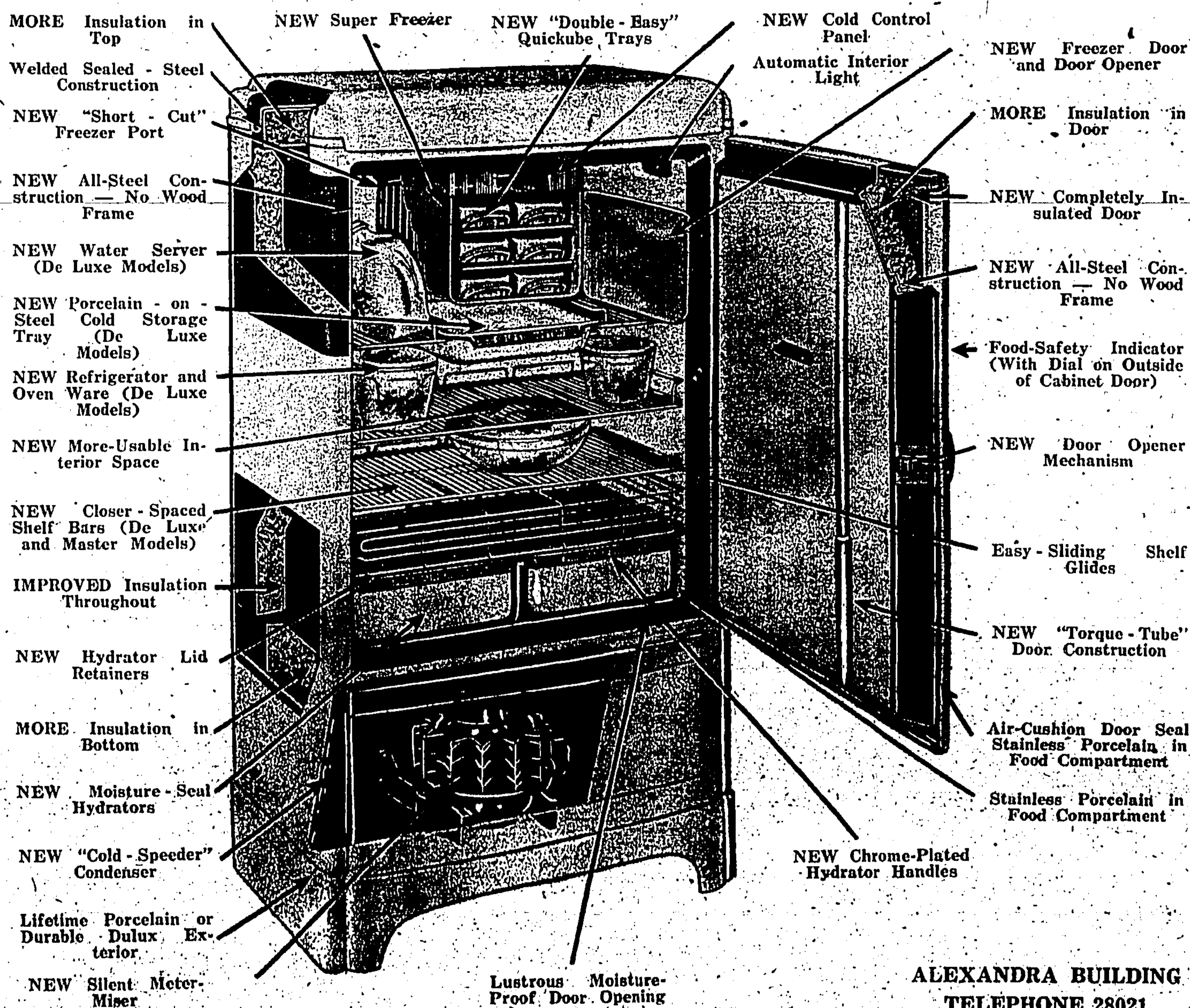
Pereira, will be their main pitcher, but they also have the Gosano brothers and J. Alvares, if required, while their fielding and batting are good.

The Indians meet the Mindanao, on Sunday, and as most of their players have been seen in action, it is possible that they may surprise the sailors if the pitching of M. el Arculli is up to form.

In the other game, on Sunday, the Chinese Baseball Club encounter the Hong Kong Baseball Club, and a good game should be witnessed. Wally Ching will be pitching for the Chinese, while Delaney will do duty for the Club. Both teams did not impress last week, but with several positional changes, the Club should do well this week.

Two sportsmen left the Colony yesterday—Frank Goodwin, K.C.C. cricket captain, on home leave, and Norman Deitz, popular jockey, for Manila.

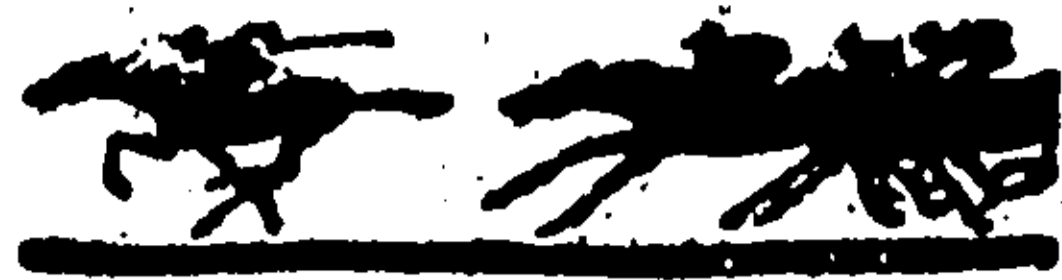
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Fourth Extra Race Meeting

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They will be ridden by novice jockeys, and although it would appear that Fei Ying should have no difficulty in winning, I am still doubtful about its chances.

It will have Mr. K. I. Ip as the jockey, but will be carrying 168 lbs. in weight, which seems to be somewhat excessive, as this pony has been a source of disappointment on so many occasions.

We must not lose sight of the fact, however, that Fei Ying is undoubtedly the best among the ponies entered, and despite its heavy burden may yet win, especially as Mr. Ip is one of the most improved riders among the novice jockeys.

Mr. C. L. Gregory has only to win one more race to graduate from the novice class, and to-morrow will be riding Astrik, which is a distinct danger on account of its low weight of 140 lbs.

It will be remembered that in the second section, of the Wong-Nei-Chong Stakes, at the Annual Race Meeting, over half-a-mile, Astrik, ridden by Mr. Tao, very nearly pipped National Force.

Astrik is essentially a sprinter and whether Fei Ying can concede 28 lbs. to this pony is a question which is hard to answer.

Split Hand has been making gradual improvement, and if ridden by a strong jockey it may create a surprise. On the other hand, National Dignity ran a good race to come in second to Dekko at the last Meeting, and as it will be ridden by Mr. Yeung Wing-kwai it will have to be considered.

Then there is Cape Comorin, with Mr. H. A. de B. Botelho up, and a win here is not altogether out of the question. My choice is Fei Ying to win, with the other two positions to be filled by either National Dignity, Astrik, Cape Comorin or Split Hand.

CANTERBURY PARK HANDICAP—SIX FURLONGS.

This race will be contested by "C" Class Australian ponies, and it will certainly present the most difficult problem in selecting the winner. For winning the Cabramatta Handicap (one mile) at the Third Extra Race Meeting, Twilight Star (Mr. B. L. Tao) has gone up 10 lbs. in weight, and Brutus (Mr. B. Proulx) which came in second in the same race, has to carry 5 lbs. more.

Brutus is definitely a fast-moving animal, and in such a short race it should reverse its previous defeat at the hands of Twilight Star. I have watched Zodiac in training, and it is gradually improving. It came in third in the race referred to, above, and I think it should fill the same position. As an outsider, I suggest keeping an eye on Bredon, Mr. Gregory up.

TAIMOSHAN HANDICAP (SECOND SECTION) ONE MILE.

This is the second leg of the "Daily Double," and presents a ticklish problem in making the right nomination.

It will not come as a surprise to see this race providing an upset. Good Morning and Racing Boy, which came in first and second respectively in a race for the same class of ponies or the second day of the Easter Race Meeting, should naturally command the most support.

Good Morning will again be ridden by Mr. S. L. Yuen, but, as Mr. Chanson has returned to Shanghai, I don't know who has been asked to ride Racing Boy.

If ridden by Mr. S. C. Liang, who won a race on Racing Boy last year, it will have a good chance of scoring a win to-morrow. Good Morning has been penalised 10 lbs. and Racing Boy 9 lbs., but it is not enough to prevent them from again being prominent in this race.

Were I to mention Tabby Cat (Mr. Pih) as a likely winner, many will probably disagree; yet I am going to suggest bearing this pony in mind as an outsider with a good prospect of winning.

It ran most disappointingly on the two occasions on which it appeared, but just keep it in view either for to-morrow or a latter Meeting. Ebony Idol (Mr. Proulx) is another pony which gave punters a jolt the last time it ran in the same company, and on that account I am going to nominate it for a place only.

HIGH WEST HANDICAP: ONE MILE.

This event will be contested by "B" Class China ponies, and an interesting race should ensue. Mr. H. C. Pih has the choice on either Havoc Eve, Honeymoon Eve or Humdrum Eve, and as he won a race at the last meeting on Honeymoon Eve I expect that this will be his mount.

Honeymoon Eve, which won the Hongham Bay Handicap over the two mile post distance, has gone up 6 lbs. in weight, and New Star, which came in second to Honeymoon Eve in the same race, and which subsequently won the Morrison Hill Handicap, has to carry 5 lbs. more. I don't think I shall be far wrong in stating that the result of this race will again be fought out between these two ponies, with my preference going to New Star.

Potentate (Mr. Encarnacao) has again to carry maximum weight, and on that account I am afraid its chances of winning are rather remote. Royal Scot (Mr. Proulx) is not bad, and although it has not done anything worth while for some time, I am of the opinion that it will not be long before it comes into the picture again as a winner.

MOUNT DAVIS HANDICAP: HALF MILE 170 YARDS.

This is the final race of the day, in which "C" Class China ponies will participate. As a result of its win in the Deep Bay Handicap (six furlongs) on the first day of the Third Extra,

HOME FOOTBALL CONCLUDES

The following are the fixtures for the last week of the English Football League.

FIRST DIVISION

ARSENAL (0)	v	Bolton (0)
CHARLTON (3)	v	Preston (1)
EVERTON (7)	v	Derby (0)
GRIMSBY (3)	v	Chelsea (0)
Huddersfield (1)	v	M'chester C. (1)
LEICESTER (-)	v	Birmingham (-)
Middlesbro' (4)	v	West Brom. (1)

PORTS-		
MOUTH (3)	v	Leeds (0)
Stoke (1)	v	Liverpool (1)
Sunderland (6)	v	WOLVES (2)

SECOND DIVISION

VILLA (3)	v	Norwich (0)
Barnsley (1)	v	Notts F. (0)
BRADFORD (1)	v	Swansea (1)

CHESTER-		
FIELD (1)	v	West Ham (1)
FULHAM (1)	v	Blackburn (1)
Luton (-)	v	Newcastle (-)
MANCHES-		

MANCHES-		
TER U. (-)	v	Bury (-)
PLYMOUTH (3)	v	Southampton (1)
Stockport (-)	v	COVENTRY (-)
SPURS (-)	v	Wednesday (-)

THIRD DIVISION (SOUTH)

ALDERSHOT (2)	v	Swindon (1)
BOURNE-		
MOUTH (3)	v	Bristol R. (0)
BRISTOL C. (1)	v	Notts Co. (1)

CLAPTON (3)	v	Southend (0)
Exeter (1)	v	MILLWALL (1)
Mansfield (-)	v	Brighton (-)
NEWPORT (1)	v	Walsall (2)

THIRD DIVISION (NORTH)

QUEEN'S PARK (3)	v	Torquay (0)
READING (6)	v	Gillingham (2)
WATFORD (3)	v	Palace (1)

Laughing Buddha (Mr. F. F. Li) has to carry two lbs. more, which is certainly very light treatment.

On the other hand, Bistre has been penalised by 15 lbs. Although Night View (Mr. Pih) failed miserably on both occasions during the Easter Race Meeting, I consider that it is best here, and I am going to nominate it to win. Bistre is a slow starter, and the best it can hope for is to take either second or third place, with Laughing Buddha and Rose Evelyn as likely placed ponies.

TOURISTS' FLAY OXFORD ATTACK

Undergrads Follow On

London, To-day.

The Australians resuming their innings against Oxford University yesterday, compiled no fewer than 679 for 7 wickets before declaring.

Oxford were then put out for a meagre 117, the only batsman to make a stand being Eggar, apparently a freshman, who scored 51 not out. Fleetwood-Smith again did all the damage, his left hand slows netting him 5 for 28.

Following on, Oxford had scored 29 runs for the loss of 4 wickets and were well on the way to defeat at the close.

Australians — 679 for 7 dec. (J. H. Fingleton 124, S. J. McCabe 110, W. A. Brown 72, D. G. Bradman 58, A. G. Chipperfield 53, E. L. Hassett 146).

Oxford University — 117 (Eggar 51 not out; Fleetwood-Smith 5 for 28) and followed on 29 for 4. — Reuter.

GOLF STARTING TIMES

Sunday's Pairings At Fanling

The following are the Royal Hong Kong Golf Club starting times for Fanling next Sunday:

OLD COURSE	
9.12 a.m.	E. T. McMullen, J. H. M. Andrew.
9.16 "	J. A. D. Morrison, K. S. Morrison.
9.20 "	L. H. Cramer, J. Stenersen.
9.24 "	D. S. Robb, R. Young.
9.28 "	A. E. Lissaman, G. W. Park.
9.32 "	A. D. Humphreys, H. H. Mundy.
9.36 "	J. G. Campbell, R. S. W. Patterson.
9.40 "	A. H. McBride, N. K. Littlejohn.
9.44 "	G. A. Pentreath, T. E. Pearce.
9.48 "	A. Sommerfelt, I. H. Geare.
9.52 "	I. P. Tamworth, S. J. H. Fox.
9.56 "	P. B. Havens, J. B. Mackie.
10.00 "	W. W. C. Shewan, S. C. Feltham.
10.04 "	R. E. H. Nelson, R. G. Gray.
10.12 "	Capt. Holmes, G. H. Henry.
10.32 "	W. J. E. Mackenzie, H. Overy.
NEW COURSE	
9.20 a.m.	Eng. Capt. Rowland, L. C. F. Bellamy.
10.12 "	Mrs. Holmes, Mrs. Henry.
10.32 "	Mrs. Mackenzie, Mrs. Overy.

NEWPORT HELD AT HOME BY BRISTOL R.

London, To-day.

In a Third Division (South) football match yesterday, Newport were held at home by Bristol Rovers, the teams sharing four goals. — Reuter.

BOWLS TEAMS

W. R. Hillyer, L. G. Collyer, G. Grimmett and J. Hollidge (Skip).
J. R. Pengelly, J. Gellatly, J. W. Deakin and S. Randle (Skip).
W. Cullips, J. M. Purvis, J. F. McGowan and G. H. Sherriff (Skip).
B. O. Bostock, P. D. Crawley, R. A. Davies and J. Cobb (Skip).
G. Warr, E. Kirmon, R. R. Wood and A. B. Allan (Skip).
H. F. Harper, J. R. Carr, W. J. Burlins and S. Eccleshall (Skip).
K.F.C.
A. Lapsley, W. Mackie, J. T. Smalley, and J. Gibson (Skip).
J. Eastman, J. Dobson, J. Chittenden, and R. Lapsley (Skip).
T. White, R. Hall, C. Turney, and W. Field (Skip).
Reserves: — Barnet, and Fergusson.

U. M. Omar and A. M. Omar, holders of the Colony Open Pairs lawn bowls championship, will be defending their title this season.



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APATHETICAL PLAY IN TRYING HEAT

(By "ADREM")

Tsui Wai-pui beat H. D. Rumjahn (holder) 3-6, 6-0, 6-3, 6-2.

IN an atmosphere depressing to a degree, hot and muggy with alternating sunshine and threats of rain, Tsui Wai-pui, as he was generally expected to do, beat H. D. Rumjahn, the holder, and once again wears the crown he last qualified for, in 1936.

AFTER AN INTERESTING FIRST SET WHICH H. D. WON, MUCH TO THE DELIGHT OF HIS MANY SUPPORTERS, PLAY FELL AWAY BADLY. THE INDIAN WAS NEVER ABLE TO REPRODUCE THOSE PIERCING GROUND-STROKES THAT HAD MARKED HIS PLAY IN THE EARLY STAGES AND FROM THENCE ONWARD, HIS PERFORMANCE WAS JUST ONE LONG, DREARY TALE OF ERRORS.

In the last set, when those who had seen "H. D." pull the fat out of the fire in his encounters, first with Willie Hung, and latterly with Tsui Yan-pui, were again looking to him for a typical rearguard action, he had been reduced to such a state of physical and mental exhaustion that he was pathetic to watch.

Gone was all his fight. His spirit broken by Tsui—now riding on the crest of a wave of success, bringing all his big guns into action and well able to afford an occasional error, while, to carry the metaphor further, he "ranged"—"H. D." gave the impression that all he wished for was rest and a lot of it.

For a final, the tennis was disappointing, although there were several rallies where flashing exchanges evoked some enthusiasm from the crowd. For the most part the apathetical attitude of the players transmitted itself to the spectators and applause was generally more mechanical than spontaneous.

WORTHY CHAMPION

Tsui undoubtedly proved himself the better man and as worthy a champion as we have ever had. He has all the strokes. His courtcraft is keen, and, above all, his condition at the end of the match left little doubt that he has paid as much attention to physical fitness as he has to stroke-production.

Until he felt quite certain of his ground-strokes yesterday, he avoided all attempts on the part of his opponent to draw him to the net. "H. D." kept an immaculate length with his driving in that first set, when he sought out the corners with unerring accuracy and Tsui WAS hurried.

However desperate the situation, nevertheless, the new champion always went for the difficult shot. Very often if failed but he steadily improved and his fluency of stroke from the second set onward, proved the wisdom of these methods.

THAT DROP-SHOT!

The stroke that contributed as much as anything to "H. D.'s" downfall yesterday was Tsui's beautifully controlled drop-shot. Disguised until the moment of impact, the I.R.C. player was never certain when it was to be slipped into a fierce driving rally and, so accurate was it that early on he made no attempt to go for it.

Tsui drove with his usual severity on the forehand, changing direction at will with a last-minute flick of the wrist, while his heavily sliced backhand, on the slightly damp

surface of the court, was always difficult to pick up.

He did not force matters as much from the net as he is wont to do, although in the last set, when it was apparent that he had Rumjahn where he wanted him, he always followed up his drive into the backhand corner.

FINE DRIVING

As I have already remarked, Rumjahn's driving in the first set was accuracy personified. Of perfect length and more than sufficient power, it brooked no liberties and paved the way for the concentrated net campaign that kept him in the lead throughout and eventually took him out at 6-3.

In the second set came a surprising lapse. He appeared to lose all sense of speed and direction.

It may have been that Tsui, now sufficiently sure of himself to dictate terms, piled on the pressure and forced errors, but the real reason, in my opinion, was the fact that Rumjahn dropped the offensive and allowed his opponent to adopt the initiative.

In any event, all interest faded with that first set and it became quite obvious that unless Rumjahn pulled himself together considerably, and that rapidly, he was not only not going to win the match, but he was unlikely to collect very many more games.

He did not improve and Tsui went on serenely. More than one game he won to "love." I don't suppose the last three sets lasted half an hour!

And so, once again the brilliant young Chinese has demonstrated the benefit he derived from his European tour and, provided he keeps in good health and stays here, it is extremely unlikely that anyone, unless it be his brother, is likely to oust him from the pinnacle he now occupies as Hong Kong's tennis player No. 1.

THE PLAY

Tsui started serving in the first game but lost it. He also lost the second and Rumjahn led 3-1, 4-2 and 5-3, again to break through service at the ninth for the set. Tsui was kept pinned down to the baseline and never really looked dangerous.

The second set was just a procession. Tsui had now found his touch and he brought into operation his cross-court forehand drives, attacked from the net and utilised a stop volley and drop-shot with great frequency. "H. D." was all over the shop!

The third and fourth games were

KENTUCKY DERBY FAVOURITE SCRATCHED

Louisville, To-day.

Mr. Maxwell-Howard's Stagehand, the favourite for to-morrow's famous Kentucky Derby, has developed a cold and has been scratched from the race, leaving a field of 10.—Reuter.

more or less a repetition except that as an occasional variant, "H. D." managed to win a game. Tsui only dropped the fourth and sixth games in the last set to win the match when Rumjahn's drive up the tramline just failed to find its objective.

PASCH A HOT FAVOURITE

London, To-day.

The following is the Victoria Club's call-over for the Derby, which will be run at Epsom on Wednesday, June 1, over a distance of 1½ miles 5 yards:

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Portmarnock 8 to 1 t and o.
Scottish Union 9 to 1 o.
Pound Foolish 100 to 7 o, 15 to 1 t.
Glen Loan 100 to 6 o.
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12.30 p.m.—Musical Comedy Selections.
1 p.m.—Local Time Signal and Weather Report.
1.03 p.m.—Patricia Rossborough at the Piano.
1.15 p.m.—Hawaiian Music.
1.30 p.m.—Reuter and Rugby Press, Weather Forecast and Announcements.
1.40 p.m.—Marcel Mule (Saxophone).
1.53 p.m.—Light Orchestral.
2.15 p.m.—Close down.
6-7 p.m.—Chinese Programme.
7 p.m.—Latest Dance Music.
7.33 p.m.—Closing Local Stock Quotations.
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8 p.m.—Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.

8.03 p.m.—Studio—A Recital of Hebridean Songs by Helen Lockhart (Contralto) Accompanied by A. T. Lay.

1. Kishmul's Galley.
2. In Hebridean Seas.
3. Piano Solo — Coronach (Edgar Barrett) A. T. Lay.
4. An Island Sheiling Song.
5. A Hebridean Sea-Rivers Song.
6. An Eriskay Love Lilt.
(Songs arranged by Majorie Kennedy Fraser.)

8.30 p.m.—B.B.C. Recording — Legal Cruelty. 'A Visit to the London Law Courts—As seen by Ian Hay.

8.43 p.m.—Dvorak — Concerto In B Minor, Op. 104. Played by Pau Casals ('Cello) and The Czech Philharmonic Orchestra, conducted by Georg Szell.

9.23 p.m.—Songs by Theodore Chaliapine (Bass).
Arise, Red Sun—Russian Folk Song.
Song of the Needy Pilgrim (Nekrasoff—Nevstrueff-Manikin).

9.30 p.m.—London Relay—The News.

9.50 p.m.—Military Band Selections.
Hungarian Fantasy (A. Fiedy).
Band Of The Royal Hungarian "Maria Theresia" Regiment conducted by Alexander Fiedy.
Hiawatha—March (Moret).
The Band Of H.M. Coldstream Guards conducted by Lieut. J. C. Windram.

10 p.m.—London Relay — 'Palace Of Varieties'.

11 p.m.—Close down.

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6.20 a.m.—Talk: 'America Speaks'—11. A series of talks broadcast from the U.S.A. to the British Empire.

6.40 a.m.—Next Week's Programmes.

6.50 a.m.—The News and Announcements. Greenwich Time Signal at 7.00 a.m.
7.15 a.m.—Close Down.

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11.20 a.m.—Dance Music.

12.00 p.m.—BBC Empire Symphony concerts. The BBC Empire Orchestra.

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2.00 p.m.—Big Ben. 'Palace of Varieties.'

3.00 p.m.—Talk: 'America Speaks'—11. A series of talks broadcast from the U.S.A. to the British Empire.

3.20 p.m.—Violin Recital by Winifred Flavelle.

3.35 p.m.—'The Lover.' A play by G. Martinez Sierra, translated from the Spanish.

4.00 p.m.—The News and Announcements. Greenwich Time Signal at 4.15 p.m.

4.20 p.m.—Non-Stop Variety of Song, Comedy, and Drama.

4.50 p.m.—Next Week's Programmes.

5.00 p.m.—Close Down.

BRIDGE NOTES

By ELY CULBERTSON

Duplication Of Values

"Duplication of values" is the insidious Dr. Fu Manchu of contract. Fortunately, during the past few years, valuable bidding conventions have been devised which have greatly reduced the said insidiousness. The four-five no trump convention almost knocked Old Man Duplication out of the ring, in so far as slam contracts were concerned. No longer was it "merely unfortunate" for a player to find himself in a slam with two aces against him, partner having laid down a useless K-Q-J-10 of a suit instead of the all powerful ace. Asking bids delivered another solar plexus blow. But, tough old warrior that he is, Mr. Duplication still is in the ring, groggy and punch drunk, but still dangerous.

South, dealer.

Both sides vulnerable.

NORTH

S.—A J 8 5 3 2

H.—K 7 6

D.—9 8

C.—Q 5

WEST

EAST

S.—10

S.—K Q 9

H.—5

H.—Q 10 8 4 3 2

D.—J 10 5 4 3 D.—7

C.—J 10 8 6 3 2 C.—A 7 4

SOUTH

S.—7 6 4

H.—A J 9

D.—A K Q 6 2

C.—K 9

The bidding:

South West North East

1 diamond Pass 1 spade 2 hearts
2 no trump Pass 3 no trump Pass
Pass Pass

Naturally, West refused to open his singleton heart against such bidding. Had partner doubled the final contract, West would have had no choice. The heart lead would have been a command. In the absence of the double, however, and in view of the opponents' obvious preparedness for a heart opening, West chose to lead the jack of clubs. From that moment declarer had to struggle with a lost cause. The diamond suit refusing to break 3-3, he could run only eight tricks without relinquishing the lead, and then, of course, he was swamped with club tricks.

North had fallen victims to "duplication of values." He had considered his heart king a very valuable card at no trump. In other words, he figured that South might require aid in double stopping the opponents' heart suit, and there he was with the big fat king with which to oblige him.

I have found this type of reasoning, illogical as it is, all too prevalent. South bid his two no trump quite freely and with no idea that he would find heart strength in North's hand. Obviously, then, he and he alone was equipped to handle the heart suit. Hence, North's king, far from being a vital card, was to some degree, at least, duplication. North should have realised that, with his partner bidding two no trump directly over two hearts and himself holding the king, a heart lead would be far from certain. It was far more important for North to show a rebiddable spade suit than to have attached such importance to a king in an opponent's suit. Obviously, four spades would have been a laydown!

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JAPAN CHASING WILL O'THE WISP IN CHINA

Berlin, To-day.

The problem of communications in China was the subject of a lecture by the German Minister of Communications, Dr. Dorpmueller, at a meeting of the Society For Study Of China, held yesterday.

The Minister expressed the hope that a peaceful solution in the Far East would soon be found whereby the natural equilibrium of forces in that part of the world might be reached.

In the course of the discussion following the lecture, Herr Streve, who was a member of a commission despatched some time ago to study on the spot conditions in China, gave a description of the present situation in the Far East.

HOPE ILLUSORY

Herr Steve emphasised that despite the injury to trade resulting from the Sino-Japanese war, China's reserves in regard to the population and raw materials were so immense that any idea of forcing China down on her knees was absolutely illusory.

Even should the war result in a victory for Japan, this would by no means be conclusive in the sense of establishing a permanent state of affairs.

On the contrary, the world is now witnessing the reawakening of China and the Chinese people are now achieving its unity in a man-

DEVALUATION OF THE FRANC GAYDA VIEWS FRENCH ACTION GLOOMILY

Amsterdam, To-day.

The new devaluation of the French franc met with a calm reception in Dutch finance circles. It is stated that the new quotation of the franc will be 5.01 Dutch florins for 100 French francs and that it will be possible for the French Government to maintain this rate insofar as the advantages secured by the devaluation are not lost again through another general rise in wages.

As the movement of the rate of exchange of the French franc has also affected the Belgian Belga, the future of the Belgian currency is considered as uncertain.

SWISS FRANC

The rate of exchange of the Swiss franc has recovered here since Switzerland declared that it would maintain the present rate.

The Dutch Florin yesterday was somewhat weaker but this was not regarded as a reason for uneasiness, as the Dutch currency equalisation fund yesterday saw no occasion for intervention.—Trans-Ocean.

Chan Kwai Hing and Chan Ho, walking in Chung Char-kok, New Territories, were held up by two men, one armed with a revolver and robbed of money and jewellery to the value of \$162.

ner unknown in all the long centuries of its history.—(Trans-Ocean.)

Rome, To-day.

That a disturbance of international financial and currency relations would be the consequence of the new devaluation of the French franc and that serious upheavals in the French economic and social system would be caused thereby, is the view of Virginio Gayda, expressed in "Giornale d'Italia".

In progressive stages, the democratic governments of France had, declared Signor Gayda, reduced the value of the once stable franc to less than one twelfth of its pre-war value.

Once again, a democratic State had suddenly created new conditions that disturbed the basis of economic co-operation among nations and the system of international currency agreements.

The franc devaluation, undertaken despite proud gold reserves at the Bank of France, was the consequence of financial and economic chaos in France and in Signor Gayda's opinion the repercussions must be felt in different countries.—Trans-Ocean.

GUERILLAS MENACE PEIPING AREA

Peiping, To-day.

Considerable tension exists here as the result of the reported arrival of guerillas eight miles from Peiping west wall. Many others are near Tungchow.

Apprehension has also been caused by the closing of most of the gates and the prevention of Chinese from leaving the city. A careful search is being made of every person entering.

A Japanese spokesman declares that the precautions are due to a reported Communist infiltration into the city in order to cause disturbances.

The city was shaken yesterday by bomb explosions. The Japanese explanation that this was due to bombing practice was accepted at the time, but to-day the news was learned of the guerillas' approach.

The only safe exit from Peiping at present is by train to Tientsin. The service is still running normally.

Chinese entering the city gates are scrutinised by Chinese police and Japanese troops. The incomer's palms are rubber-stamped to enable a complete check on arrivals. Inns and other resorts are being searched. Peiping and the whole of Hopei Province have been almost denuded of Japanese troops in order to provide all possible reinforcements for the Shantung front.—Reuter.

SEPTUPLETS WERE STILLBORN

Hanvna, To-day.

It is now learned that the septuplets born to a Cuban woman yesterday were all still-born.—Reuter.

STOP PRESS

AUSTRIAN LOAN GUARANTORS

Amsterdam, To-day.

The commission of guarantor State of League of Nations' loans will meet shortly to examine the legal situation regarding the League of Nations' loans granted to Austria and guaranteed by the Powers, reports the "Telegram" yesterday.

Among the guarantor powers are Great Britain, France and the Netherlands.

The Netherlands will be represented at the conference by the former commissar general of the League of Nations in Vienna, Dr. Zimmermann.—Trans-Ocean.

CZECH NOTE TO POLAND

Warsaw, To-day.

The Czecho-Slovakian Government, in a note to Poland, promises to liquidate Communist activities on the Czech-Polish frontier.

The note is in reply to a memorandum from Poland alleging that Communists in Czecho-Slovakia were propagandising against Poland by means of newspapers and pamphlets.—Reuter.

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